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Germany Sticking To Invasion Plans!

According to the Wilhelmstrasse, the unfavourable turn in the Italian operations in Albania and Egypt will not influence German military decisions or lead Germany to give Italy active assistance, said the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" yesterday.

Germany, the correspondent adds, is tenaciously sticking to her plan to seek a final decision against Britain in the British Isles themselves.—Reuter.

CANADIAN MINISTER SURVIVES

In Torpedoed Liner

Mr. C. D. Howe, Canadian Minister of Munitions and Supply, who was on board the British liner "Western Prince" when she was torpedoed in the Atlantic early on Saturday, is safe.

This was revealed yesterday by Lord Beaverbrook, Minister for Aircraft Production, in London, when he informed the Canadian authorities that Mr. Howe had been rescued.

Travelling with Mr. Howe on a visit to London were Mr. E. P. Taylor, Joint Director-General Munitions Production, Colonel W. C. Woodward, a member of Mr. Howe's department, and Mr. Gordon Scott, financial adviser to Mr. Howe's department.

No mention is made of their fate.—Reuter.

VICHY TAKES OVER SHIPPING

THE OLD GENERAL TRANS-ATLANTIC, THE GREAT FRENCH SHIPPING LINE, HAS NOW BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE VICHY GOVERNMENT AS A RESULT OF A VICHY CABINET MEETING UNDER MARSHAL PETAIN YESTERDAY MORNING.

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ITALIAN SUBMARINE SUNK

The Italian submarine Naiade has been sunk by British destroyers, states a communique from the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, received by the Admiralty in London last evening.

The submarine attempted to interfere with operations which British naval forces are continuing along the coast in support of the Army between Sidi Barrani and Bardia.

E-boats also attacked a naval unit but without success and the attack was driven off.

Naval participation in the attack on Bardia is revealed by the communique which says a night bombardment of that port was carried out with successful results.—Reuter.

M. LAVAL'S ARREST

THERE HAS BEEN NO MENTION OF THE CHANGE OF FLANDIN FOR LAVAL OVER GERMAN-CONTROLLED RADIO STATIONS IN OCCUPIED FRANCE.

It is now reported that M. Laval was arrested even before the announcement of his dismissal. His house has been taken over and his papers searched.—Reuter.

man will be nominated by the State and of the 10 directors, eight will be nominated by the Government and two by shareholders.—Reuter.

Armoured Units Pressing Hard On Heels Of Italians

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent in Cairo)

HARD FIGHTING IS STILL IN PROGRESS ON THE EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN FRONTIER IN A WHIRLING SANDSTORM, ACCORDING TO LATEST REPORTS RECEIVED IN CAIRO LAST EVENING.

Exact details of operations are as yet not available but British casualties are still known to be very slight, despite determined major scrapping.

The R.A.F. continues to batter Sollum barracks, proving that in this area at least Italian troops are still on Egyptian soil.

The British forward mechanised columns are putting up a magnificent show, thrusting at the enemy positions at many points along the frontier wire and inflicting serious casualties on the defending Italian forces.

The indefatigable manner in which our tanks and armoured cars and lorries have been pushing on more than 100 miles day and night for a week reveals clearly the terrific efforts made behind the scenes by the maintenance corps during preparations for the offensive.

Clockwork Precision

Apart from brief halts at the dead of night, to perform odd maintenance jobs — often in disused Italian camps — the British mechanised forces are rolling on with clockwork precision.

At the same time the R.A.F. is continuing to plaster enemy aerodromes and concentrations in the far corners of Libya day and night.

Pilots are still working ceaselessly, pausing only to refuel and reload bombs before taking off again for the battlefield.

Army personnel in Cairo unanimously declare that a great part of the success of the entire operations is due to Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore's well-calculated and consistent plans for bombing the enemy's aerodromes from the start of the offensive, in order to prevent Italian planes taking off.

Prisoner Problem

The disposal and accommodation of prisoners from the battle

DEATH OF FAMOUS COURT SINGER

Madame Blanche Marchese, the well-known oratorio and concert singer, died in London yesterday at the age of 77.

She had sung before all the crowned heads of Europe and pupils came from all over the world to her singing academy in London.—Reuter.

area is a task in itself. Many of those arriving in Cairo are being sent to prison camps in the Nile Delta.

Three Italian generals who have arrived in Alexandria in British warships are now recuperating in the Spa Hotel.

It is believed in Cairo that General Wavell's brilliantly executed manoeuvre has seriously affected the resources of the entire Italian army in Libya.—Reuter.

(Continued from next Col.)

bombs and high explosives were dropped on the north-east town, the attack was on nothing like the scale of earlier provincial "blitz" raids.—Reuter.

NOT A BOMB ON BRITAIN ALL DAY

The daylight hours of Sunday passed without a single bomb being dropped in any part of England but nightfall brought the capital the usual alert.

Main weight of the night raid, however, appeared to be concentrated on a town in north-east England, though towns in the south-west were also visited.

The widespread enemy air activity last night ended early, London and the north-east town both being clear of raiders before midnight.

Relatively few bombs fell in London and although many are continued at foot of preceding Col.

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CEASELESS STREAM OF BOOTY

Magnitude Of British Victory Becoming Clear

Enormous Dumps Of War Material Captured Intact

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent in the Western Desert)

I HAVE JUST ARRIVED AT SIDI BARRANI AFTER A TWO DAYS' JOURNEY ACROSS THE DESERT BY THE 200-MILE ROUTE FOLLOWED BY OUR MECHANISED FORCES AT THE BEGINNING OF THEIR DRIVE TO THE LIBYAN FRONTIER.

Only after such a journey is it possible to appreciate the magnitude of the British victory; throughout the trip we passed an almost ceaseless stream of captured Italian tanks, lorries, armoured cars and prisoners being taken back to bases.

At some points we saw Italian ammunition dumps all intact, covering areas of a couple of square miles each.

Although a breakdown delayed our cars we were able to push on without touching any of our own rations, knowing we should continually find dumps of Italian tinned food along the route.

The Italians destroyed virtually nothing; they hadn't time to do so.

Only when the great fortified encampment at Nibeiwa, where our armoured division wiped out General Maletti's crack desert column in a couple of hours after the British blitz began, has been seen, can the brilliance of this initial victory be fully appreciated.

Bug Bug area alone, signalled urgently for assistance as they were anxious to continue the advance without being hampered by acting as warders.

A battalion of a famous Indian regiment took over the prisoners and the armoured brigade hurried on towards Sollum in order to cut off the enemy forces retreating from camps in the interior of the desert which had surrendered.

The final pockets of resistance outside Sidi Barrani were mopped up on Wednesday by forces operating under an Australian-born brigadier.

Meanwhile, the armoured brigade, with a composite force which had been driving along the escarpment running roughly parallel with the coast towards the old frontier, came into contact with the enemy on Thursday, and is still fighting. Large numbers of retreating Italians have been shot up by British fighters and one group of 100 vehicles and 1,000 men surrendered on Thursday in the Nibeiwa-Sollum area.

Hell-Fire Pass

Another group was attacked by relays of fighters near a spot known among the troops as "Hell-Fire Pass."

In the latter part of the week the Italians have been attempting to retaliate by air attacks. It was during one of these attacks that an Australian squadron of five Gladiators distinguished itself by engaging 12 Capronis and destroying several of them, as announced in Saturday's R.A.F. communique.

TRIPOLI BOMBED BY FLEET AIR ARM

An Admiralty communique issued in London yesterday stated that the Fleet Air Arm has been co-operating with the R.A.F. in the attack on the Libyan coast, and in the attack on Tripoli four tons of bombs were dropped.

In addition to direct hits on ships, explosions and damage to warehouses were observed.—Reuter.

WALTER DARRE'S CLAIMS

A sidelight on the recent claim that food ships for countries unoccupied by German troops should be allowed through the British naval cordon was furnished by Walter Darre, Nazi Minister for Agriculture, yesterday.

Darre claimed that in this, the second year of war, Germany has the "highest food standard of all European countries."

Broadcasting to German peasants he also claimed that "the marked increase in milk production during the war is especially significant."

"During the past month milk supplies have steadily increased by 10 to 15 per cent. compared with the same period last year."

"Butter production exceeds by about 30 per cent. that of the corresponding month before the outbreak of war." — Reuter.

Despite the extent of the British successes, however, it should not be imagined that the Italians did not put up any resistance.

Italian Losses

Their fire at Sidi Barrani was extremely heavy, and elsewhere, when British tanks got among them, guns around put up a hot though ineffective fire.

It is still impossible to estimate the total Italian casualties, but they are certainly heavy and it is believed they lost thousands of killed and wounded while, in addition a number of high officers have been captured.—Reuter.



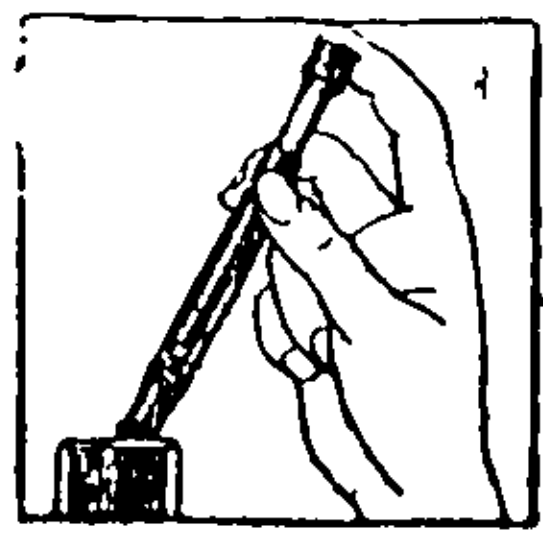
Anzacs on the march in Palestine. They have not yet taken an active part in military operations in the Western Desert. (Copyright, Fox).

REVOLVER SUICIDE AT 15

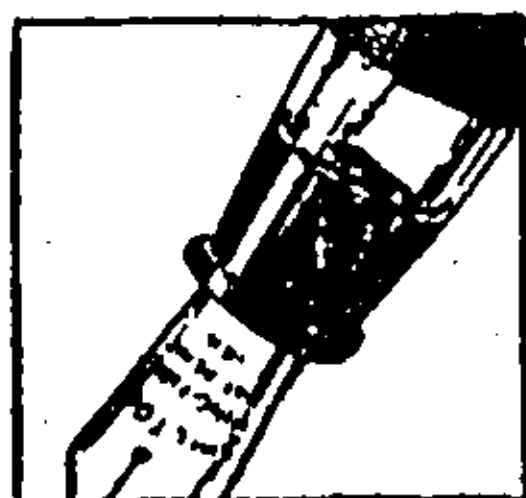
Fifteen-year-old Gerald Douglas Brown shot himself with a revolver at his home in Deerpark Road, Streatham, London, it was stated at the Battersea inquest.

Detective-Sergeant Morris said he had been unable to trace the origin of the revolver. Verdict: Suicide while the balance of the mind was disturbed.

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Maletti's Base

The importance of it is comparable to that of the Battle of Sedan, since it opened the way to all that followed.

At Nibeiwa, General Maletti established a base from which he planned to invade Egypt.

The great encampment, which has a circumference of about four miles, was protected outside by land mines and inside by 18-pounders, other field guns, anti-aircraft guns and machine-guns.

It contained 3,500 of Italy's best Libyan troops led by Italian officers.

While British troops are driving all along the frontier, the astonishing total of Italian prisoners and captured booty continues to mount.

All day long a continual stream of captured Italian lorries crammed with prisoners is bumping across the desert through the sandstorm which has been raging for a whole week.

14,000 At Bug Bug

One armoured brigade, which captured 14,000 prisoners in the



Capture of five generals in the Western Desert last week was not the first instance since the Egyptian campaign began. This photo shows Major-General Romolo De Strucchi, who was captured by a British raiding force during a sally into Libya.

Egyptians Deeply Impressed

COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN FINAL OUTCOME

THE MOMENTOUS military events of the past week have had a tremendous effect throughout Egypt.

Egyptians have always believed that Egypt's fate was linked closely with Britain's. During recent months, however, they have had to face a tendentious whispering campaign inaugurated by the thousands of Italians living freely in the country and abusing its hospitality, and deliberately circulating reports calculated to sow distrust of the Allies.

NOCTURNAL PARIS INTERMENT

The remains of the Duke of Reichstadt, son of Napoleon I and the Empress Marie-Louise, which have been transferred to Paris from Vienna, were placed next to Napoleon's tomb in the Invalides in an elaborate midnight ceremony, according to the German-controlled Paris radio yesterday.

The coffin arrived at the Gare de l'Est escorted by German soldiers bearing torches late on Saturday evening, and was taken to the Invalides on a gun-carriage.

Anti-aircraft guns fired a salute while German guards carried the coffin to the entrance where, at 1 a.m., the German Ambassador formally made it over to Admiral Darlan, representing Marshal Pétain.

French Municipal Guards then carried the coffin into the chapel and draped it with the tricolour at the foot of Napoleon's tomb. —Reuter.

BABY'S PHOTO IS CENSORED

A proud mother of Stowmarket, Suffolk, sent a photograph of her baby to her sister in Co. Dublin, Eire. Each sister has a baby.

Mrs. Wright, of Stowmarket, received a note from the Censors' Department returning the photograph and explaining that the picture of her baby had been censored.

An official of the post office at Manchester, where a Censors' Department was recently established to deal with correspondence between Ireland and this country, told a reporter that every letter leaving and entering Britain for and from Ireland is opened and investigated.

"Maps, sketches, plans, drawings, prints, photographs or pictorial reproductions and literature for the blind (in Braille) are banned," said the official.

"You cannot even send postage stamps. Cipher messages were being sent on postage stamps; picture postcards were ingeniously contrived as part of a code system."

"Even the photograph of a baby might convey a message. Mrs. Wright, of Stowmarket, and her sister in Co. Dublin won't mind if they know that."

SERIOUS LOSS

While travelling from the Tung On Wharf, to No. 121, Thomson Road, Wanchai, between 1.20 p.m. and 2.45 p.m. yesterday, Kwan Yu-kee lost or had stolen from his pocket, \$1,100, two \$500-notes and one \$100-note.

Nevertheless the Egyptians remained steadfast in loyalty to the Allies.

Examples of Italian underground activity reveal the arrogance of the Italian colony.

Many in recent months have even refused to pay their rent, telling their landlords that any action against them would be useless as it was only a matter of weeks before Graziani's victorious troops would enter the country.

Immediate reaction to the British successes in the Western Desert is manifested in the wave of confidence throughout the country.

Pilgrims For Mecca

A small example of this is the fact that 40 Moslems on Saturday registered with the Government as intending pilgrims to Mecca.

This number exceeds all those who registered up to then.

Newspapers in Cairo continue to display reports from the Western Desert under banner headlines.

Representative of the opinion of the entire Arabic press, "Al Ahrar" declares: "The British success proves that the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty is a necessity for safeguarding the country's integrity. There is no doubt that the week's events have strengthened in the greatest degree Anglo-Egyptian friendship."

The inhabitants of Cairo are expressing the greatest jubilation.

General Wavell on Saturday drove to the Gezira Club for a race meeting and was loudly cheered by Egyptians and foreigners alike. —Reuter.

RISKED LIFE FOR ENEMY

A young man scrambled waist-deep through mud banks of three-quarters of a mile to save a wounded German airman who had baled out from a blazing Junkers off the south coast.

Not until the rescuer unfastened the airman's heavy outer clothing did he know the man was a Nazi.

He dragged the sinking man to a safer position and then noticed that he was badly wounded in the shoulder. Onlookers came to his assistance and carried the German ashore. The identity of the young man who ploughed through the mud to the rescue of the airman could not be established as he gave no name.

The young man was on a visit to his brother at the time and was sunbathing on the roof of the house.

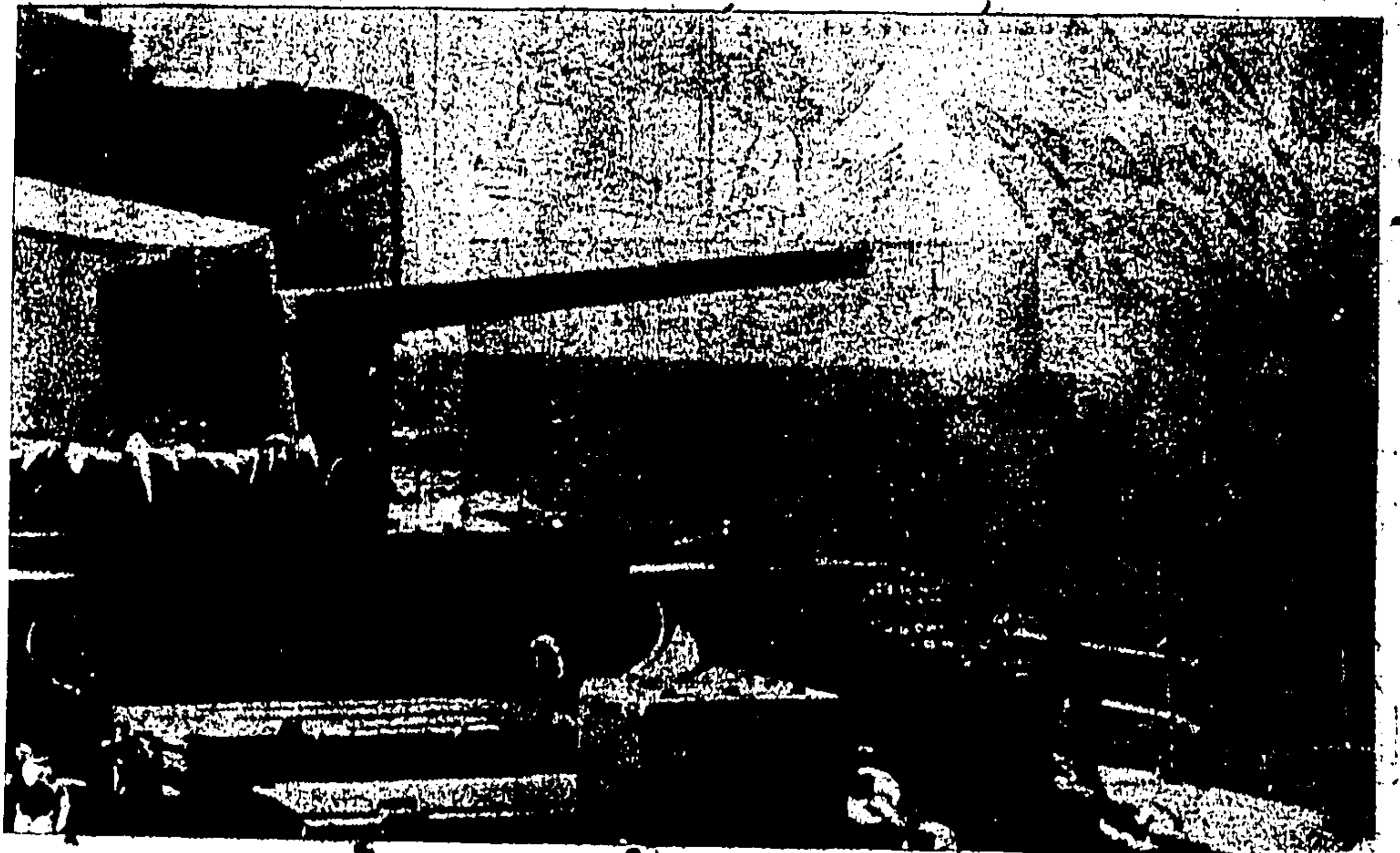
The German gave him his helmet as a memento.

TROOPS MUST TAKE COVER

Eastern Command orders state that instances are occurring of troops off duty failing to take cover during air raids. Instructions have been issued that in all cases where troops are not engaged on duties necessitating their keeping in the open they must take cover.

BINOCULARS STOLEN

Mr. F. P. Franklin, Assistant General Manager of the "S. C. M. Post," has reported to the Police that a pair of binoculars, valued at \$45, was stolen from his residence, No. 34, The Peak, yesterday.



Cruisers and destroyers of the British Mediterranean Fleet bombarding a port on the Lybian coast. (Copyright, Fox).

VOICE LED TO U.S. TRIP

Because her mother tuned in to America and liked a crooner's voice, seven-year-old Diane Bush, of Plessey Road, Blyth, Northumberland, is being sent to New York until the war is over.

"It was about three years ago, and we were living in Dorset," Mrs. R. W. Bush, Diane's mother, told a reporter.

"One night I heard Bob Byron crooning in a programme from America and liked his voice so much that I decided to listen to him regularly."

"My husband teasingly called him my 'boy friend.' When Bob Byron mentioned one night having received some requests from Canada I decided to send him some."

"I asked him to sing three songs, and he wrote me a charming letter, promising to do so. Last Christmas we sent him a greetings card and he again wrote to us."

"This letter was so friendly that I plucked up courage to write and ask if any of his friends would take my daughter. A few days ago he wired back saying he had made arrangements, and I am now waiting for a following letter."

"When Diane has gone I'll begin to save up so that I can visit her sometime."

FULFILLED SHEILA'S WISH

A young Army corporal has fulfilled the wish of his little sister who was machine-gunned by a raider.

He put one of his mother's rings on his sweetheart's "engagement finger"—the pledge which nine-year-old Sheila Esther White had said would make them all so happy.

But she lay dead, and on the day which was to have been one of celebration and rejoicing, there was mourning for the child.

Only that morning, Mrs. White had heard for the first time from her husband, Sergeant-Major George White, since he had disappeared in France last May.

"He sent a postcard from a German prison camp saying he was well except for a wounded leg," Mrs. White said.

"My little angel was overjoyed, for they were all the world to each other."

"That evening while she was practising the piano there was an air-raid warning and I sent her straight to the shelter with Peggy."

A German plane hovered over the row of little houses in the south-east coast town and senselessly sprayed the gardens in the hope of finding a victim.

Sheila, it is thought, ran to the door of the shelter to warn her mother to take cover.

HUSBAND HURT: WIFE SUES

A novel claim by a wife arising out of a road accident in which her husband was injured will shortly be decided in the London High Court.

Mrs. Rose Pollock, of Creighton Avenue, Finchley, is suing Charles Burt, Ltd., furniture dealers, of Regent Street, London, W., for damages for "interference with her conjugal rights at common law" by which, she alleges, she was deprived of her husband's consortium.

The husband, Mr. Harry Pollock, who was injured in a car smash in December, 1938, is also claiming damages.

Liability is disputed by the firm.

NOVEL DIVORCE PROBLEM

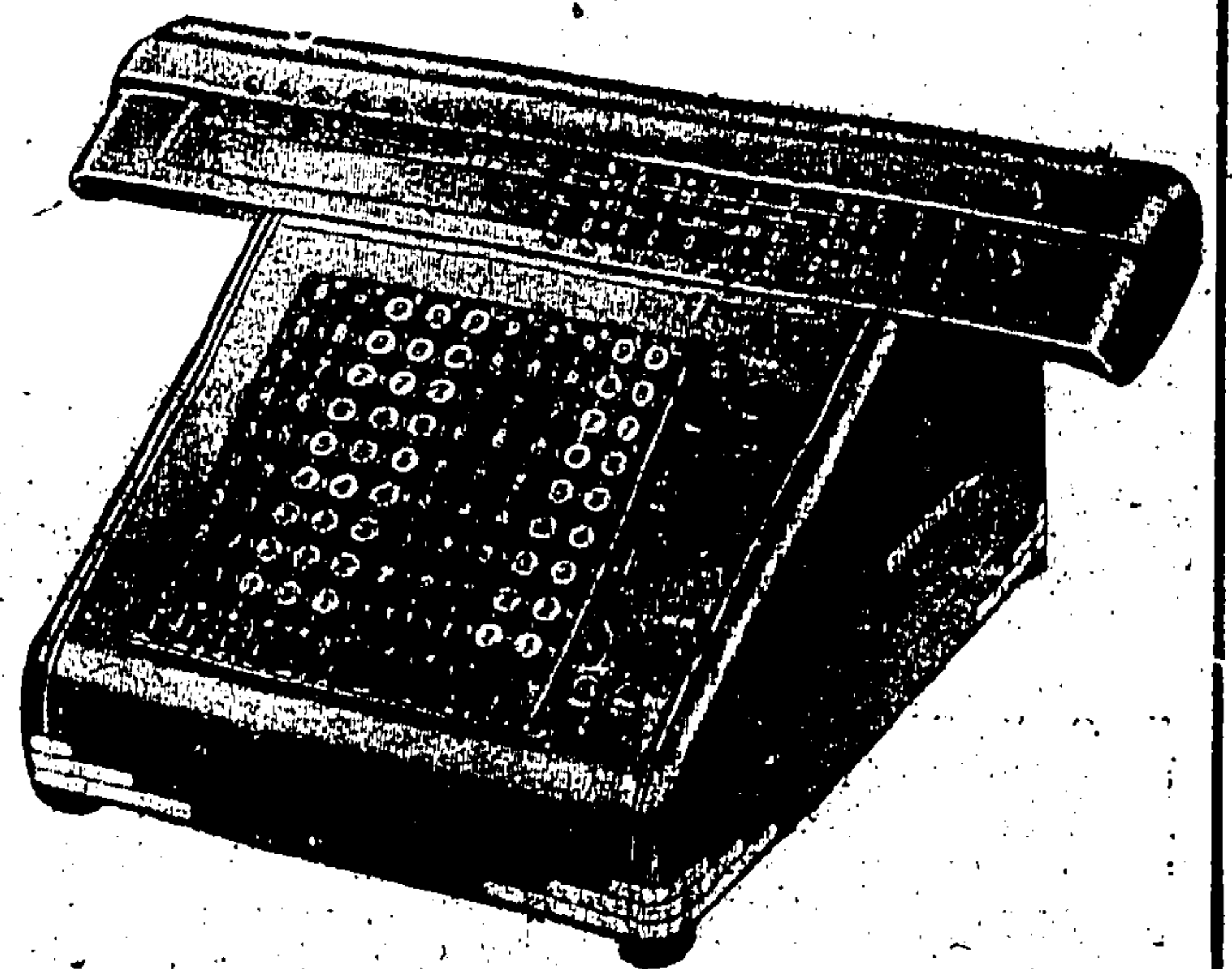
A peer's divorce suit which raised a novel legal problem is to have a sequel in the Court of Appeal.

Three Lords Justices will be asked to decide whether a deed of separation entered into by Viscount Long of Wraxall and his wife, Frances Laura, Viscountess Long, bars him from obtaining a divorce on the ground of her desertion.

Sir Boyd Merriam, the Divorce Court President, last June, after hearing legal argument on the effect of the separation deed, which was executed in July, 1937, dismissed a petition for divorce brought by Lord Long. It is against this judgment that Lord Long is appealing.

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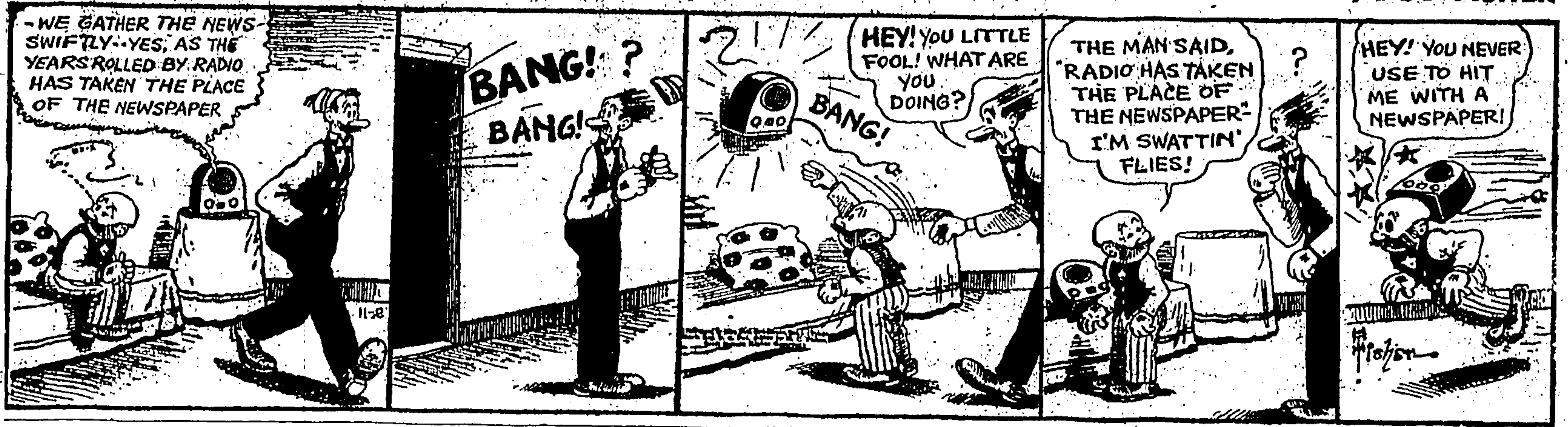
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By BUD FISHER



13, SUPER WAR LOAN SALESMAN

Since thirteen-year-old Ronald Abbotts, of Wyche Avenue, King's Heath, Birmingham, organised his own war savings group a month ago and started a house-to-house campaign selling certificates he has proved himself a super-salesman.

Now Alderman Sir Ernest Canning, J.P., chairman of Birmingham Savings Committee, has written to praise his work and Ronald may broadcast to the country how he makes people buy certificates.

Seventy-five per cent. of the residents in Wyche Avenue are buying War Savings Certificates, and Ronald is now canvassing other roads.

While drawing his own posters, which he has designed and posted outside his house.

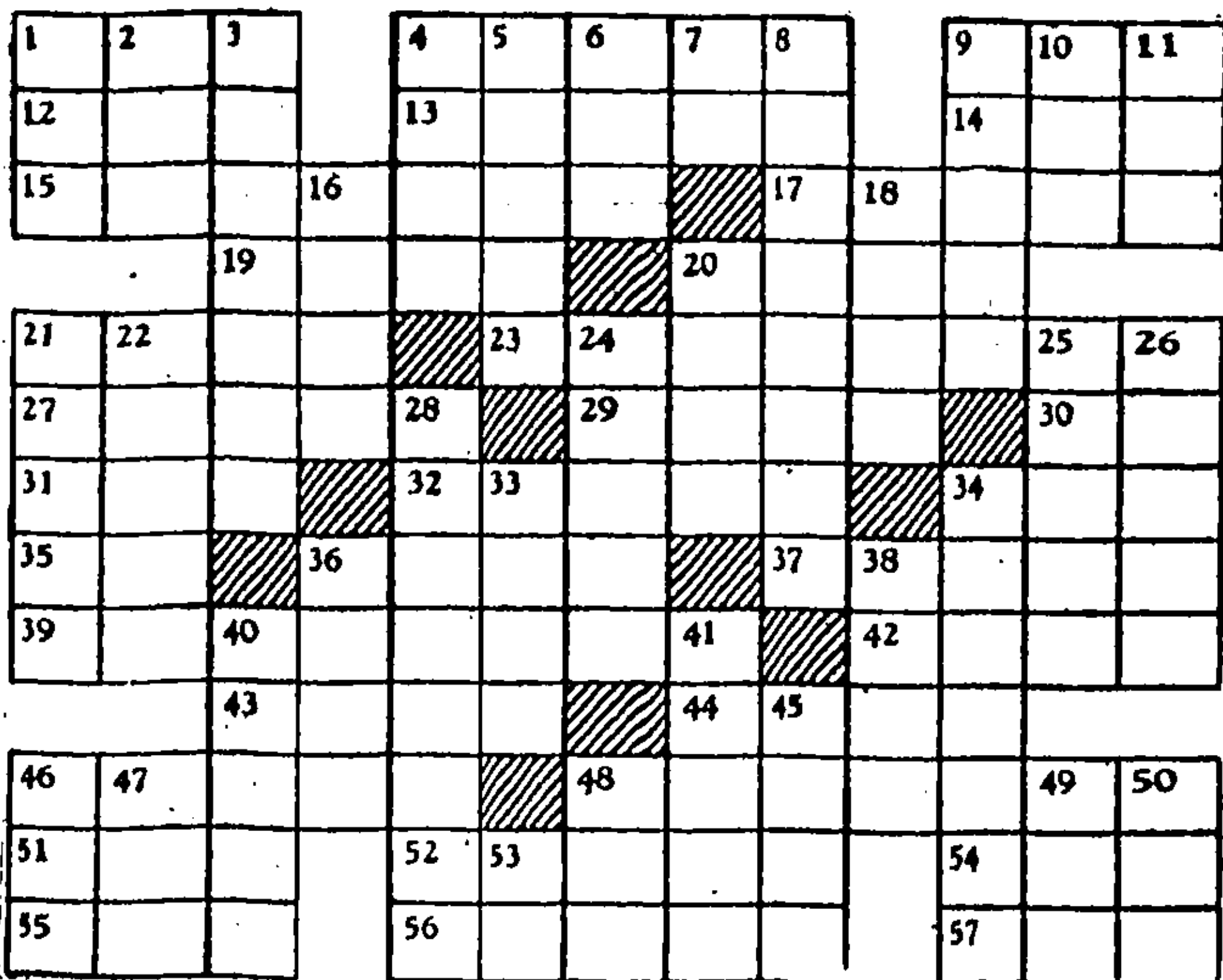
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- 20 Edible mollusk
- 21 Sacred Buddhist language
- 23 Unmarried person
- 27 Incident
- 29 Path
- 30 Symbol for oleum
- 31 Conducted
- 32 Warehouse
- 34 Hebrew letter
- 35 Teutonic deity
- 36 To forbode
- 37 To dip into a liquid suddenly
- 39 Mischievous prank

VERTICAL

- 2 Branches of learning
- 3 Law: exercise of a right
- 4 Standard
- 5 Types
- 6 Ministers
- 7 To trouble
- 8 Banal
- 9 Man's name
- 10 To use with diligence
- 11 Cloys
- 12 Meadow

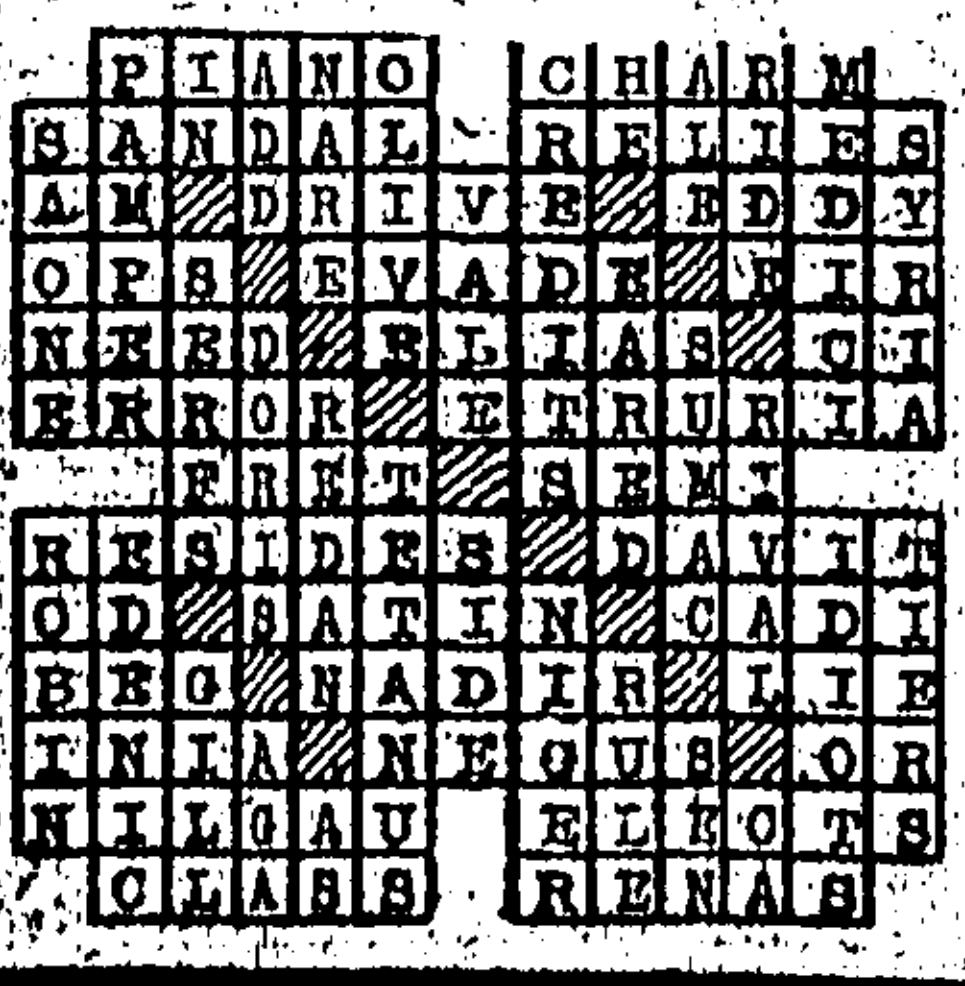
VERTICAL

- 1 Cattle genus
- 2 French coin
- 3 Splashed gently
- 4 Seed covering
- 5 Ludicrous
- 6 Tip
- 7 Since
- 8 Refuses

VERTICAL

- 9 Scent
- 10 French coin
- 11 Owned
- 12 Reposed
- 13 Sorceress queen
- 14 To applaud
- 15 Volcano in Martinique
- 16 Says
- 17 African antelope
- 18 To drink in honour of
- 19 Dwarfs
- 20 Storms
- 21 To rend
- 22 Disturbance
- 23 Film for drying hops
- 24 Rowing implements
- 25 Tending to spiral
- 26 Growing out
- 27 Crude metals
- 28 Colloquial: dance
- 29 To lubricate
- 30 Cavity
- 31 Scotch for "no"
- 32 Naheer sheep
- 33 Sun god

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION



MARRIED UNDER AN ARMED GUARD

An interned Austrian has been married with an armed escort at his side—had a two-hour honeymoon and went back to an internment camp.

He was Dr. George Zak, a twenty-six-year-old Austrian refugee, who was married at Hampstead Register Office to Miss Ilse Sachs, aged twenty-six, a German subject of Adamson Road, Hampstead.

There was a small private wedding breakfast at a friend's home. A friend told a reporter "Dr. Zak and his bride first met in Vienna, where she was a student in his hospital. They have been engaged for some time."

he told a reporter:—

Sunday Best Day

I have my own method of selling certificates I had to do something in the war but was too young to serve most of the bodies taking volunteers.

"My father is my guarantor, and I do all the collecting and keep all the money and my own books. Sunday morning is the time to find people in That is when I do my big business.

"During the day all the wives say that their husbands look after the money, so I have to go back at night and talk the men into it.

"I may broadcast about by work. I have already had a voice test for the microphone."

BERT GOT HIS CAB THROUGH

(By A Correspondent)

Worthy of their fellows in other parts of the country where bombs have fallen, London's A.R.P. workers have shown their true value during the recent air raids.

After one of the most hair-raising trips in my life — an hour's ride in a taxicab in South London during the height of the bombing — I pay tribute to the unbelievable courage of London's A.R.P. services and to Albert Hackett, a typical Cockney taxi-cab driver.

Hackett under fire was as cool as a cucumber.

I chartered his cab in the West End. "Will you drive me to South London?" I asked him.

"Yus. 'Op in," he replied.

We made a detour to avoid the Elephant and Castle. Suddenly we ran into heavy and incendiary bombs.

Men of the A.R.P. sprang on to the running boards of my taxicab, which they commandeered, and directed us to where the incendiaries had fallen.

The men, in teams of three, with a stirrup pump, attacked a bomb. Some were made harmless in less than a minute.

Cab Roof Goes

Hackett and I were allowed to operate a pump and we put out our fires in good time.

Then came further showers of Molotov breadbaskets.

Ten minutes later we had our narrowest escape. A plane skimmed the top of a barrage balloon and dropped a bomb so near that the roof of the cab was blown off and the cab rocked.

For the first time Hackett let off steam in real Billingsgate. But after examining his cab he went on driving as well as ever. I last saw him taking home a group of dazed bank clerks who had lain in a gutter with their arms over their heads when a high explosive bomb struck the road 25ft. away from them.

WAR IMPROVES OUR COOKING

Increasing air-raids have not lessened the keenness of housewives to improve their wartime cooking.

Already the campaign run by the Ministry of Food and the Board of Education has reached hundreds of thousands of women.

Returns for example from ten county districts, show that over 100,000 women attended demonstrations in the smaller towns and villages in these districts.

This figure takes no account of the vast numbers reached by open days at schools, food education weeks, housewives' clubs, broadcasts, films, advertisements and pamphlets.

The very poor have been reached. Selected homes are visited where neighbours collect to watch demonstrations and discuss problems.

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LONDON FIRMS START FIRES IN BASEMENT

COMPLETE FIRE-FIGHTING organisations, manned voluntarily by their own staffs, are being trained to safeguard the premises of the bigger firms in the City. This move follows quickly on the order of Sir John Anderson that all premises in which more than thirty persons are employed must have a fire watcher on duty at all times.

Unilever House, Blackfriars, has been perfecting its scheme ever since war began, Mr. J. F. McCartney, the firm's chief A.R.P. officer, told a reporter.

JEWELS IN WEST-END DEBRIS

There's several thousand pounds' worth of debris in "Bomb Street," Mayfair.

Goering's air pirates visited this, the most famous shopping street in the world, and laid waste the stocks of London's most exclusive jewellers.

I walked among the devastation, writes a reporter. Fashionable women in furs and "model" dresses no longer wandered in and out of the beauty parlours.

Instead, firemen trod carefully amid the debris, careful not to kick some jewel into the gutter and lose it for ever.

It was authoritatively stated that the streets bombed included Piccadilly, Park Lane, Berkeley Square and Bond Street.

Among famous shops which have suffered damage are a jeweller's and a perfumer's — known throughout the world.

Bombed twice within a week, ravaged by flood and fire, the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street, refuses to be conquered by Hitler's bombers.

Defiantly they posted a notice on the door of their Casualty Clearing Station, "We are in Full Working Order."

Nurses in fresh pink and white uniforms sped swiftly past me along the polished corridors, doctors and surgeons waited at their post.

"You can say that we shall be here so long as there are patients who need our help," they said.

DOCTOR PRISONER OF WAR

Dr. J. H. T. Challis, of the London Hospital, who was posted missing while serving with the R.A.M.C., is a prisoner of war.

Dr. Challis is the anaesthetist who, last September, flew with Mr. H. S. Souttar, the Harley Street surgeon, to Bombay, where they attended a woman, relative of the Maharajah of Nepal.

They travelled about 12,000 miles.

DROVE WOMEN FROM SHELTER

For insulting behaviour in a public air raid shelter during a raid, Albert Thomas Hockley, nineteen, labourer, of Charlton Road, Queensbury, was at Hendon, N.W., fined £2 or one month's imprisonment.

It was stated that owing to Hockley's conduct women had to walk about outside the shelter while shrapnel was falling.

RESORT'S TOWER TO MAKE GUNS

The observation tower at Great Yarmouth, known to hundreds of thousands of holiday-makers, is to be pulled down and the rolled steel thus scrapped used for armaments.

The tower commands an extensive view of the Broads, and it is estimated that many hundreds of tons of steel will be obtained.

He is responsible for the safety of 2600 people.

As a first line he has 80 members of the staff, fully trained in fire fighting.

As a second line, a hundred women and girls from the first-aid parties have been taught to deal with incendiary bombs.

The fully trained men are clerks and a few junior members of the management.

Nine-Floor Night Patrol

By day they attend to their ledgers, make out their accounts and so on in their boiler suits. Thus they are ready for action at any moment.

At night, and through the weekend, 16 of them are divided into four squads of four men each.

They patrol the nine floors of the building all the time.

Mr. McCartney, or his deputy chief, is always on duty.

The squads are changed, but there are always 17 men on the watch.

They are equipped with stirrup pumps, small hose, standard hose, foam extinguishers, hatchets, lamps, ropes, anti-gas clothing, steel helmets and service respirators.

Ready For Oil Bombs

"The foam extinguishers are for dealing with any oil drums the enemy may send down," Mr. McCartney said.

"We bought them the moment we heard of the first oil drum falling on London and we believe that if one descended on Unilever House we could deal with it."

"Our water supply is contained in tanks holding 90,000 gallons. We have hydrants on each floor."

"To keep our fire fighters in practice we make them put out, from time to time, small fires made in the basement."

"They get them out in a matter of seconds."

So that the fire fighters should have a good breakfast, four of the girls volunteered to sleep on the premises, to be there to cook it for them.

Two of the girl telephone operators also volunteered to stay all night in case of emergency calls.

QUICK-CHANGE CAMOUFLAGE COAT FOR AEROPLANES

A new lacquer enamel which will enable a quick change in camouflage for military aircraft has been developed by a firm of American paint makers.

The enamel can be washed off quickly with a special solvent. Camouflage colours may thus be changed daily to conform to the terrain over which the plane is to fly.—Associated Press.

"SAFE" PETROL OF QUALITY

Claims are made in America that the research laboratories of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics have produced a safety aviation fuel which is as efficient as the high-grade fuels now in use.

It is further claimed that, provided the demand is big enough, this fuel can be commercially produced at about the same price as ordinary fuel.

In the American experiment the fuel was injected direct under pressure into the cylinder, where it was fired in the usual way. The carburettor was dispensed with. Characteristic of these new fuels is their high flashpoint. Where the vapour of most aviation petrols ignites or flashes at temperatures as low as 30deg below zero, the new safety fuels are so made that they will not ignite or flash until temperatures reach 100, 134, or even 164deg F.

British scientists have been familiar with fireproof aviation fuel for many years. Not so long ago one big air line advertised that the fuel used on their machines was fireproof in the sense that in a crash widespread fire would not occur.

R.A.F.'s Eggs Spoiling Hamm

THE NAME OF HAMM, and the "eggs" the R.A.P. drop on it so frequently, causes a certain amount of humour in Britain, but it is far from being a joke to the German High Command.

Hamm has the distinction of possessing the most frequently-bombed target in Germany — the largest and best-equipped railway marshalling yard in Europe.

A dozen Clapham Junctions could be lost among its vast network of tracks, sidings, engine-houses and repair sheds, which are capable of dealing with and dispatching more than ten thousand wagons every twenty-four hours.

Its importance as a target lies not only in its unrivalled working capability but also in its geographical position at the eastern entrance to and exit from Germany's greatest industrial and manufacturing centre, the Ruhr.

The Nerve Centre

In Germany, all goods train services are based on and regulated by the work of the marshalling yard, on which wagons, loaded and empty, converge from all parts of the system to be made up into trains and despatched to their various destinations.

Hamm is thus the nerve centre of German rail transport.

Dislocation which occurs every time British raiders attack the yards, spreads like paralysis throughout the country and beyond. Congestion at this already overtaxed yard makes itself felt among German armies at the Channel ports, and in 500 to 1,000 factories and works in Germany.

Apart from the great congestion caused by alarms, immense damage has also been caused to tracks, switches and sidings, as well as to supplies waiting in the yards.

It would need an army of track-layers and salvage workers to clear the lines and repair the permanent way after each attack, but next night the raiders come over again and congestion builds up anew.



STAYING OUT

There are irrepressible optimists and wishful thinkers in Britain and elsewhere who are confident that Soviet Russia will sooner or later come into the war as an enemy of Germany and Italy. On the other hand, there are pessimists who persist in the belief that Stalin is doing all he can to help Hitler and Mussolini to escape defeat. Both schools of thought cling to their theories in spite of every pronouncement in Moscow reaffirming Russia's determination to remain neutral. In a statement by the President of the Supreme Soviet on the 23rd anniversary of the October Revolution, he emphatically declared that Russia would stay out of the war. But she could not be an indifferent bystander. Soviet subjects were urged to strengthen the economic and military might of their country and strive to fortify it for "the struggle for Communism." Since then it is obvious that Soviet policy caused Hitler to drop his Bulgarian adventure like a hot brick.

Nevertheless, it can be said with some degree of accuracy that only one thing is certain in regard to Russia's future policy; and that is its underlying principle of security. If Britain and the Axis powers could fight each other to a standstill and be utterly exhausted by the struggle, the outcome would suit Soviet Russia admirably. The problem of her security, already partly tackled by means of easy annexations, would then be automatically solved. The distress and chaos created by a long war would also provide receptive soil for Communist propaganda. And Stalin would be well pleased. This is the most reasonable interpretation of the Russian enigma. If it is a correct reading of Moscow's future policy, it emphasises the need for achieving an early victory against Hitlerism and having a definite plan for social and economic reconstruction after the war.

Dr. George Glasgow, contributor on foreign affairs to the "Contemporary Review," discusses the war from the point of view of religion and Christianity. He writes:—

THE British Foreign Secretary and the Commander-in-Chief of the British armed forces have broadcast pronouncements which roughly and fairly may be described as sermons, such as would not disgrace a Christian pulpit. Let those who point a finger of scorn at what they may regard as this new manifestation of British hypocrisy, suspend their judgment, and themselves beware lest they rashly presume to pronounce on matters they do not fully understand.

It has become a quick and clear possibility that a cause, which started as a sordid defence of material spoils against marauding rivals whose moral title to them, if they could get them, was in the crudely essential sense no less exalted than our own, has been transformed into a true crusade, imposed on us against our will and even at first without our conscious knowledge.

Those hard intellectuals whose vision is bounded by what their material brain opens to them, do not in fact see far. In cricket the unexpectedness may be fortuitous. In the life of man the unexpectedness is equally apparent as a contingency, but by contrast is the manifest means to an ordered plan: ordered not by man alone.

The pure intellectual is nearly always wrong in his judgment of

future probability, no matter how deeply fortified his judgment may be by knowledge of worldly facts. There are tramps, who read no books, whose interpretation of what is at present taking place rings truer than that of many pundits: as those who talk to tramps may discover for themselves....



A Clear Transgression

The domination of one race, one society of human beings, by another, is a clear transgression of reason and of Christian principle. Very well, it has become no longer possible. The poor mind of man is helpless beside the overriding spiritual truths, which through human agency, but against human intention, keep the human race in the long run on the right lines; correct its faults; restore its predestined direction.

As the corrective and restorative process is consummated, we are presented with the glorious spectacle of the Foreign Secretary and the Commander-in-Chief of the armies (for instance) of Great Britain, though they be the very symbols of the former policies of imperialist conquest, now uttering unaccustomed truths which symbolise instead the new world into which we are passing. The religious note that now rings through the utterances of politicians in the democratic countries is the greatest portent of the times.

Lord Halifax broadcasting to the nation, enunciated a principle of the Christian faith. He said, for instance: "Where will God lead us? Not, we may be sure, through easy or pleasant paths. That is not His way. He will not help us to avoid our difficulties. What He will do is to give to those who humbly ask the spirit that no dangers can disturb. The Christian message to the world brings peace in war; peace where we most need it; peace of soul. It is that same Christian message which makes its Giver, Who is God, the best Friend with whom a man can share life or death."

"Those of us who cannot serve in the armed forces must all do our best in other ways to help them. I'm sure we shall. And there is one thing we can all do, soldiers, sailors, airmen, and civilians, men, women and children all together, which may be much more powerful than we know. And this is to pray.... But prayer is not only asking God for what we want, but rather the way to learn to trust Him, to ask that we may know His Will, and do it with all our strength. If we can really do our work, whatever it is, as well as we can in God's sight it will become His work, and we can safely leave the issue in His hands."



Deserted The Churches

Lord Gort, giving an address in the B.B.C. evening service said:

Where Does Portugal Stand To-Day?

With the war in the Mediterranean area reaching a new phase, added importance is attached to Portugal.

The foreign policy of this nation of 7,000,000 whose colonial empire of 800,000 square miles—23 times as big as the mother country—is being coveted by Germany, Italy and Spain, has indicated that Portugal seeks the middle of the road.

Only recently a "mutual consultation and assistance pact" was signed with General Franco's government. Some 18,000 Portuguese have fought for General Franco and Portugal's Prime Minister, Dr. Oliveira Salazar, favoured the Spanish revolution as long as the fighting was directed against the Communists. But he became uneasy when the alliance with the Axis seemed to be closer than he liked it.

The recent pact again was less proof of deep friendship between the State of General Franco and the State of Dr. Salazar than a hint to both Germany and Great Britain that "protection" might not be welcome. A balance of Portugal's foreign policy is apparent in its alliance with England.



No British Request

In a speech before the National Assembly, Dr. Salazar said on October 9, 1939, that Britain had not asked any help from Portugal, although the latter would have been obliged to enter the war on England's side by virtue of the existing alliance between the two countries.

He expressed the hope, however, that peace might be preserved, "unless the dignity or interests of the nation, or other obligations, force us to go to war. He did not fail to reiterate "our sincere feeling of friendship for England," adding that "it would not be fair if we failed to stress the adherence to our alliance."

In the same speech Dr. Salazar made public that Germany had guaranteed Portugal's independence and the integrity of the Portuguese colonial empire.

But this balanced policy between Britain and Germany, no matter how well it is working at the present time, has to allay Portugal's uneasiness over the fact that this country, with its enormous overseas possessions and other assets, would constitute a rich prize for any aggressor nation. For this reason Portugal, despite many internal gains which have marked it as one of Europe's most progressive states, is uneasy

lest these very gains be shattered by external developments.



Financial Progress

One of the most important of these gains which Portugal has made in the past 12 years is finance.

In a world where debts are mounting and most of the European nations are living far above their means, Portugal has become an exception by returning to a sound economic system. This is seen best by the fact that within 76 years, from 1852 to 1928, the nation had but two balanced budgets. All the others accumulated. The expenditure, for instance, in 1926-27, exceeded the country's revenues by about 40 per cent. During the administration of Dr. Salazar, however, Portugal has managed to keep expenditures just a little bit under the revenues. A few weeks ago this process was crowned when the whole foreign debt of about 27,000,000 English pounds was converted into an internal debt.

The principal method by which Dr. Salazar has accomplished this feat in balancing the budget has been through heavy taxation, and by bringing the nation's banking system more or less under direct government control.



Professor's Methods

The fact that Dr. Salazar has accomplished this is no less noteworthy when it is considered that he was not originally a politician but a university professor. He came from a very poor family. His father was an innkeeper, and it was only through hard work that the younger Salazar managed to make his way through to a professorship in national economy at Coimbra University.

He had his own ideas about the Government's failings, and he voiced his opinions in newspaper articles and pamphlets which built up a circle of young people around him. When the Nation was in need, socially, economically and politically, the President of the Republic offered Dr. Salazar the post of Minister of Finance. The Professor refused on the grounds that he did not want to do an unsound job, collaborating with the old politicians who had dragged the country from one revolt of people and army to another.

He asked for full power. They refused to give it to him and he went home to his university situation.

Soon afterwards, however, he was called upon again and his terms were met this time. He entered the cabinet as Minister of Finance in 1928 and in 1932 became not only Prime Minister, but Minister of Finance, of War, and of Foreign Affairs; combining the four most important offices in the government. As time went on, he became a virtual dictator.



New Constitution

The new Constitution the country received on March 19, 1933, gave him authority to manage the Nation's business. But practically the only point on which he has exercised anything approaching fanaticism is in regard to saving and putting the Nation's budget on a sound basis. A popular joke in Portugal suggested that Dr. Salazar had even taken over four Ministries in order to have the salary of three members of the Government.

He differs from other authoritarian rulers in other respects, too. All parties have been dissolved in Portugal and there exists but the National Union, a kind of patriotic organisation, open to any good citizen. In the matter of the persecution of minorities, Portugal's record is less sinister than that of some dictatorships. Communists have been severely dealt with, however.

A foreigner, coming to Lisbon, as this writer did two years ago, would get the impression that he is watched 24 hours a day. There seems to be one policeman for every citizen. One is told that they are "just a precaution," they have to see to it that "nobody deviates from the Constitution." They are a peripatetic symbol of this compromise between democracy and Fascism.

The same middle road has been kept in every way. The Government has an eye on everything. It promotes exports, but sale of goods to foreign countries depends on a permission given only if home consumption needs have been met first. Dr. Salazar has little to say for the barter system and autarky. Currency has been kept free of any restrictions and it was closely related to the pound sterling (110/10 escudos to one pound), until in last November the British currency lost value and the escudo was fixed to the United States dollar. Trade with the United States has gone up, too. Imports from this country almost doubled. In 1939, exports remained steady. ("Christian Science Monitor").

"Have we, the British people, been in all respects above reproach? ... In the pursuit of material gain, and possessing, as so many did, a pleasant life, plenty of relaxation, and not too long hours of toil, we were apt to forget that the strength of Britain in the past has been built up on service—service to God, service to our country, and service to our fellow men. Without this conception of service no great nation can endure. Neglecting our religious obligations and in pursuit of pleasure, we filled the roads, but deserted the churches."

Did we not all too gladly accept the material benefits which came our way without pausing to remember that everything worth having in this world demands some service in return? Is it not possible that reverence—reverence for our country and its traditions, reverence for all that is best in Britain and, above all reverence for God—were lacking in our modern outlook? It is a plain fact that unless a country bases its life on religious faith it cannot endure. And, to-day it is evident to every one of us that we are engaged not solely in a fight for democracy, but over and above that in a crusade for the maintenance of those religious principles which we were taught as children by our mothers."

It is to be remarked that religious propensities are pointedly absent from the pronouncements of Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini. Signor Mussolini has at any rate been consistent. He has always based his ambitions exclusively on the power of his army, navy and air force. He has never pretended that he is aware of God. He has never mentioned God in his speeches. He is the very perfection of the pure intellectual who puts two and two together and gets the surprise of his life.

Herr Hitler, by contrast, having heard of God, and having no doubt sensed with his keen objective nose for strategic values, that there may be a propagandist niche for God in his strategy, has on more than one occasion thanked God for German victories. There is no reason to regard him in this matter as insincere. He probably believes that God is using him. What is more, he is probably right; but not in the sense of his own interpretation.



A Surgeon's Operation

Obviously Hitler is being used, somewhat after the manner of a surgeon's knife, in an operation that is fashioning a better world and a better England; for his challenge was necessary before England (for instance) could be shaken out of her complacent and smug self-righteousness into a new and living consciousness of the elemental things such as were expressed by Lord Halifax and Lord Gort on the occasions above referred to.

On June 5 Herr Hitler, on the eve of the battle for France and on the morrow of the defeat of the Low Countries, issued a proclamation to the German people, ordering the church bells to be rung for three days, and adding: "May their ringing accompany the prayers which the German people will continue to offer for their sons, because this morning the German divisions and air units have been assigned new tasks in the fight for the freedom and the future of our people."

Herr Hitler's conception of God's role in life is confined within the frontiers of Greater Germany. On July 19, making another of his fantastic paeans about German victories and God's part in them, he said: "It almost causes me pain to think that I should have been selected by fate to deal the final blow to the structure (namely, the British Empire) which these men (namely the British politicians) have already set tottering." Delivering fatal blows against those who resist his aggressions is Herr Hitler's supreme conception of God's work, as delegated to Herr Hitler, causing him pain by the sense of his responsibility.

His pain no doubt was eased by the "Sieghel" that immediately followed for "the guarantor of German victory" (the said guarantor now being Herr Hitler exclusively). Though he himself be blantly unaware of it, and even incapable of appreciating it, a man like Herr Hitler can indeed be used for God's purposes: as the better world will one day realise. The rose needs the manure.

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A.F.S. RACED OVER BOMB TO BIG FIRE

A.F.S. MEN DROVE their machines over a delayed action bomb which lay in a small crater on their way to a fire in London's dockland. They knew the bomb was there. But they knew, too, that enemy bombers would soon be over the area to use the blaze as a "landmark."

Looking back, they saw regular fire brigade and other A.F.S. men trying to unearth the bomb with their bare hands.

This is one of the many acts of heroism shown by London and provincial fire brigades and A.F.S. men during the great dockland fire.

Deafened by the roar of their pumps, which poured millions of gallons of water on the fires; the pump operators could not hear the whistling of the bombs which crashed all around them. They had not time to throw themselves to the ground.

So the firemen arranged for some men to listen for the sound of falling bombs.

When these men fell flat every fireman did the same, knowing that another bomb was on the way.

But never once did these men let go of their hoses which lay inter-twined like snakes over thousands of square yards.

Let an A.F.S. man who helped to put out the great blaze tell his story.

"I had never been to a fire in my life before," he told a reporter. "As we drove through the dock gates the sight of the blaze made me physically sick. Then, above the din of the roaring flames the sirens sounded. We know then that we had a job to do.

"We were going to make the regular firemen proud of us. We

know that the people of the East End were depending on us.

Water "Shelter"

"As we ran out the hoses I heard a scream of a bomb. It crashed fifty yards away. We stood almost petrified waiting for the explosion. That few seconds seemed like an eternity.

"Later we were switched over to another fire. We were told we could not go along a road as there was a delayed-action bomb in our path. But our officer asked us if we would go, and not a man refused.

"We saw some of our colleagues carried away dead and injured, but we carried on. For twelve hours we worked without even a cup of tea or a bite to eat.

"We were working in about two feet of water, and when we threw ourselves down to dodge the bomb blasts our heads were almost under water.

"I marvelled at the courage of my fellow men. My biggest fear had been that I should be a coward. But I surprised myself."

"IT'S THE BOSS!"

When the King and Queen, after their all-night journey from London, were walking along the station platform, a soldier carrying his kitbag came suddenly face to face with the King.

"Why," he exclaimed, turning to some of his fellow-travelers, "It's the boss!"

Putting down his kit-bag the soldier joined in the cheering.

FRENCH CHIEFS' LIFE IN PRISON

M. Mandel's Mood 'Unbearable'

Accounts have reached Madrid of the daily lives of the French political prisoners at the Chateau Chazeron, near Clermont Ferrand. The prisoners are the three former Premiers, M. Reynaud, M. Daladier and M. Blum; the former Commander-in-Chief, Gen. Gamelin; and the former Minister of the Interior, M. Mandel.

M. Reynaud and M. Daladier indulge in cycling in the wooded grounds of the castle, but M. Blum, the latest arrival, has not yet found a hobby with which to while away the time.

M. Reynaud is described as being very depressed, but M. Daladier is very talkative and, it is said, will make "sensational revelations" when the trial is finally held at Rome.

Gen. Gamelin is devoting practically all his time to writing a book on strategy. He is described as the quietest of the group, though he is reported to have told his warders that he was not responsible for the events which brought about his downfall and that he was deceived in his generals.

Mandel Unruly

M. Mandel, who is suffering with his teeth and has already had three dentists at the castle, is described as the most unruly of the prisoners. He is said to adopt an arrogant attitude and to complain about his meals.

"His mood, which is attributed to his teeth," says one source, "is always unbearable."

The castle is surrounded with a deep ditch and escape would seem impossible. The five prisoners occupy separate rooms.

According to the Paris correspondent of the paper A.B.C., they have not yet even been indicted, though M. Daladier has been questioned by the tribunal.

SENTRY SHOT UNKNOWN MAN

An unidentified man was shot dead by a military guard on duty in the Perthshire Highlands.

The man, believed to have been a casual labourer and aged about sixty-five, failed to answer two challenges in a country road.

MANACLED MEN IN 'INVASION'

Norway Practice

Norway has been the practising ground for a section of the German invasion army.

Under the protection of big guns set along the entire western and south-western seaboard, half a million Nazi soldiers have been regularly practising embarkation and disembarkation on boats, barges, and motor ships.

According to accounts of people from Norway who have arrived at a North Scotland port, the Germans are, however, becoming increasingly miserable in the land of rock and fiord.

The Nazi soldier it seems, does not like sea water. He is becoming daily more timid of the invasion exercises.

It is reported that the ring-leaders of those opposing the exercises were led aboard the invasion craft in manacles or handcuffs as an "example" to their fellows.

Food Stolen

Norwegian foodstuffs are being carried off wholesale to Germany. Sixty thousands tons of coffee, chocolate, butter, sugar, and fats are included in the "swag."

The Germans are paying for the food—and paying well, on paper. But the Norwegians know that currency inflation will be the result.

The Norwegians, robbed of their food, have suffered further indignities from the Gestapo. Everywhere there are plain-clothes German police prying and peeping into the affairs of the people. Victims are being marked.

Tallpoor: A German soldier recently returned to Norway from Hamburg said: "I was in Hamburg during the R.A.F. raid. I went to a shelter. When I came out again I could scarcely recognise the place. The district where I was had been almost blown to pieces. Five thousand Germans have been killed in Hamburg raids."



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PEOPLE LEFT their shelters to help evacuate a South-East London hospital hit by a bomb during a night air raid. The evacuation was completed in twenty-five minutes.

The volunteers—many of them women—helped to carry the patients from a ward near the bomb crater. "It was pretty hot at the time," a hospital official said. "Bombs and anti-aircraft gunfire could be heard all round."

"The work of the staff had been so well rehearsed," he added, "that it was not necessary to give orders. Everything went like clockwork."

Down Fire Escape

The bomb dropped in the main staircase, which was shattered, and patients in wards nearby—none of whom was injured—were carried down the fire escapes.

There was only one casualty, a doctor, who was trapped in a small room at the top of the building. A fireman brought him down a ladder, and an operation was performed. His condition is satisfactory.

About half the patients in the hospital were air-raid victims.

The hospital carried on bravely under difficulties. A fire, which was quickly put out, had been caused by the bomb, and the main supplies of gas and water were cut off. There was a limited emergency supply of water, and coal fires were lit for heat.

This hospital was one of three which were bombed in London during the night.

Brave Boys

A bomb also damaged the in-patients' department of a West London hospital.

In the hospital annexe were forty patients and the staff. Most of the patients were in wards on the ground floor.

A nurse said that the bomb shattered the front of the building, but no one was hurt. "Two nine-year-old boys among the patients behaved wonderfully," she said.

Patients fit enough to be moved were sent home, and the more serious cases were removed to other hospitals.

At the third hospital an oil bomb fell on a building used as a kitchen and mess-room. The hospital A.R.P. squad dealt with it quickly and no great damage was caused. A maternity home nearby was untouched.

The raiders swooped on one London borough four times in five hours. Two people were killed in a housing estate.

Two houses in a South-West London area were demolished by a bomb. Several injured people have been extricated from the debris, but it is feared that there were some fatalities.

Five Buried

A heavy bomb which fell on a business building in Central London did considerable damage to the two top floors. There were no casualties.

Families were made homeless and many shops were badly damaged when two high explosive bombs fell in a North London road. There were some casualties, but none fatal.

Every pane of glass within a quarter of a mile was shattered.

One house collapsed, burying the five occupants in the debris. Rescue squads got them out, and with the exception of bruises and scratches they were unhurt.

A sixth member of the family, a five-year-old boy, was blown out of the house by the force of the explosion, but he, too, was unhurt.

One of the bombs fell within 200 yards of a cinema where 500 people had taken refuge in part of the building converted into a shelter.

A West London vicar, on duty as an air-raid warden, heard a crashing of brickwork after a bomb explosion, and found the top of his church spire had been demolished, and stained glass windows broken.

The vicar did not stay to think about his church, but helped to tackle a small fire with a stirrup pump, and called for the fire brigade to attend to another fire in a gas main.

RAIDERS MAY BE BEATEN SOON

It is believed that secret inventions are bringing us near to the time when the Germans will lose so high a percentage of their night bombers that they may cease raiding.

Certain details of the new ground defences, including improved searchlights, gunnery prediction, and fuse setting, may soon be disclosed.

Prof. E. N. da C. Andrade, Scientific Adviser to the Ministry, gave details of some of the ingenious and sometimes comical notions of inventors who want to win the war.

The Death-Ray

"Death-ray and perpetual motion inventions are the most numerous," said Professor Andrade. "Each comes with his backer, like an old-fashioned prize-fighter."

"Most British inventors offer ideas free but some foreigners have asked anything from £100,000 to £1,000,000 for their notions on winning the war."

Other suggestions were: To project a gaseous substance which would solidify into a jelly round the enemy, and deliver him up like chicken in aspic.

Grapnels from aeroplanes. Bayonet attachments for a soldier's boot.

Wires attached to aeroplane propellers to thrash round in the air.

BOMB ON SHELTER KILLS 14

People who had come from as far away as Tottenham, N., and the East End to what they considered the safety of an underground shelter in a western suburb of London, were killed and injured when the shelter received a direct hit by a bomb.

Twenty-four people were trapped in one of the five corridors of the shelter. Fourteen persons, including several children, were killed.

Fifteen hours after the bomb fell rescue squads were still digging. It was thought that one or two bodies might still be under the wreckage.

The shelter is in a big park, and a few yards from a main road. Four bombs straddled the road, one bomb fell half a mile from the park, one hit a corner of the shelter, and the other two fell in the park some distance from the shelter.

"My Daddy—"

When the bomb hit the shelter the concrete floor was buried to the top, and people were buried under the floor.

Fifty men of the local Home Guard helped A.R.P. squads to dig out the dead and injured in the darkness.

Raiding planes circled overhead.

Searchlights occasionally lit up the sky and splinters fell around the rescuers. Frequently the rescuers threw themselves to the ground as more bombs fell in the district.

An A.R.P. officer told a reporter of several pathetic scenes. One boy about nine, after receiving treatment for shock, said:

"My daddy saved me two weeks ago by lying on top of me. Now he is dead. My mummy was dead, too, but she is alive again."

The boy was one of several from bombed homes of the East End. His father was killed in the park shelter the previous day. His mother, rescued unconscious, was able to speak to the boy before she was taken to hospital.

Lovers Die

A young couple who were to be married next month were found dead in each other's arms.

One little boy, dazed but unhurt, kept on repeating: "Where are my mummy and daddy? And where's my brother?"

A girl of about six, picked up unhurt, smiled to an A.R.P. warden and said: "Has the 'All clear' gone yet, mister?"

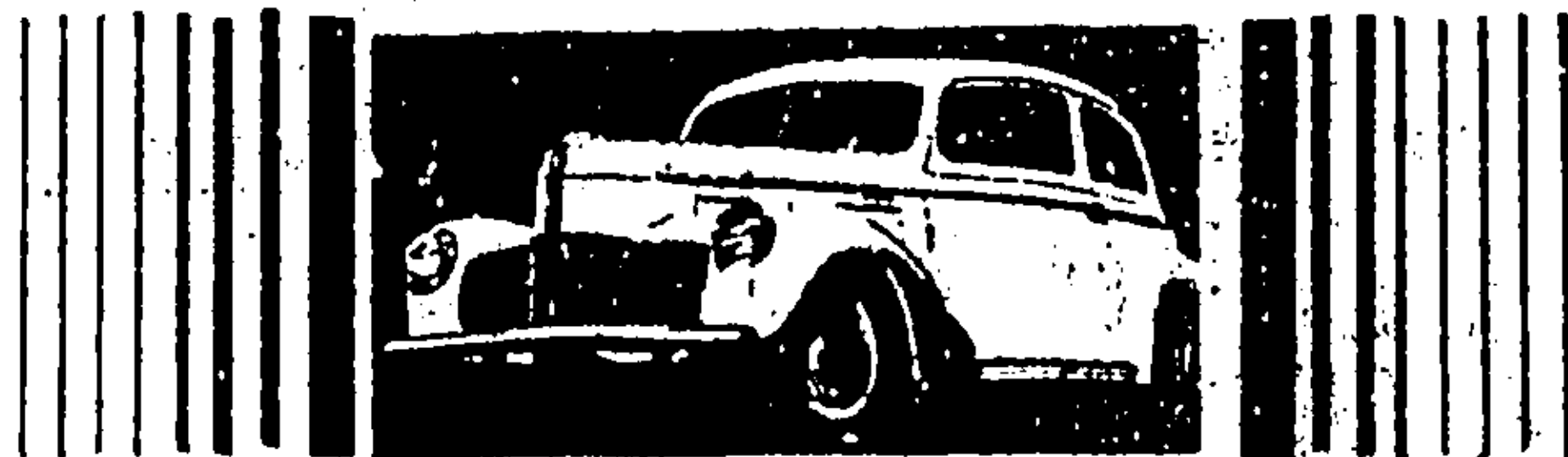
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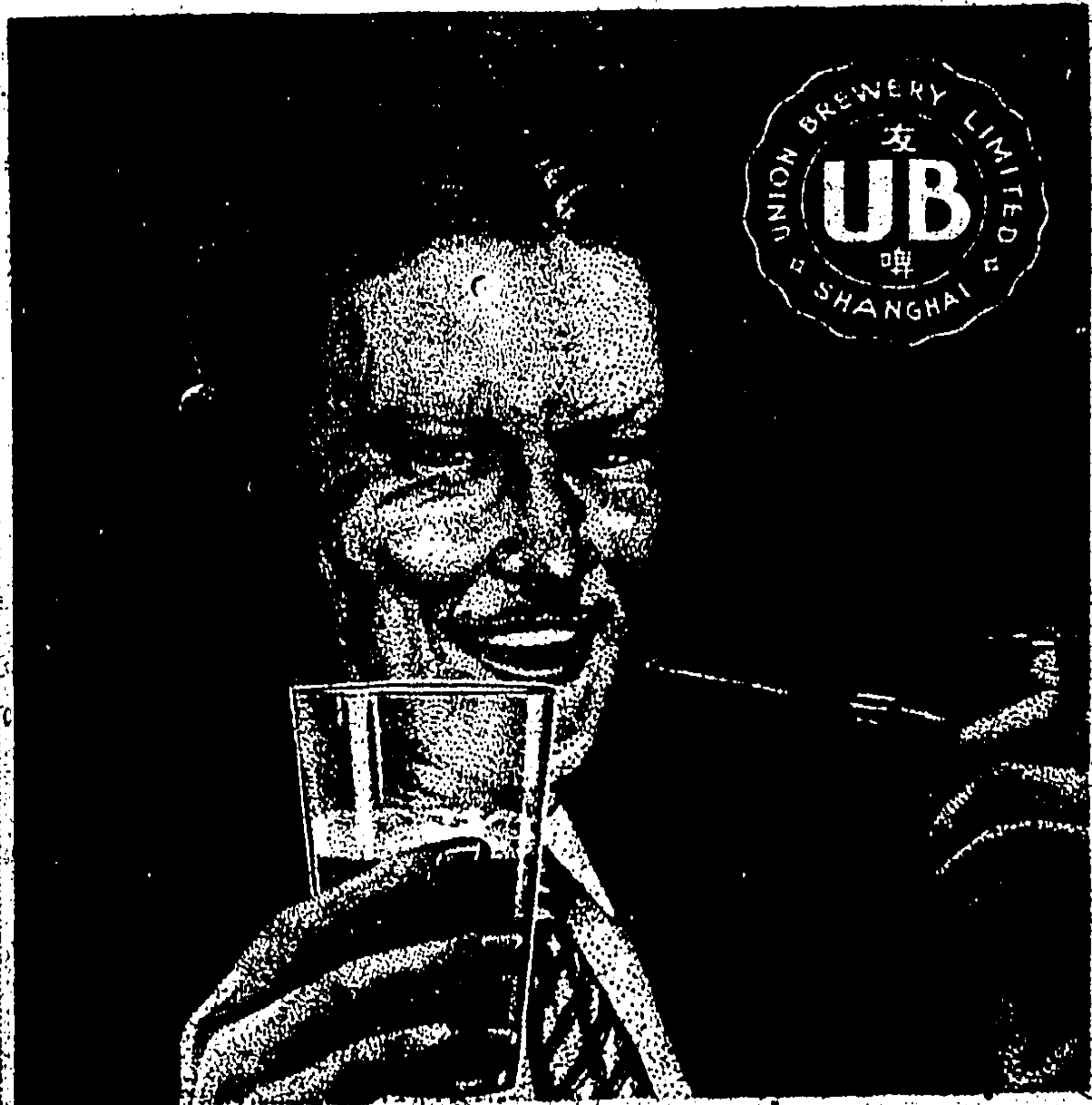
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You Schenken Jacoby Moler

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BRIDGE NOTES

PUTTING ON THE BRAKES By The Four Aces

North found himself in a bidding predicament which occurs pretty often, and his way of putting on the brakes is quite instructive:

North, Dealer
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Duplicate Bridge

♠ 9 4 3
♥ J 8
♦ A Q 5
♣ K Q J 9 5

♠ J 7
♥ K 10 7 3
♦ J 6 2
♣ 10 7 6 3

♠ A K Q
♥ 10 6
♦ 9 5 2
♣ 8 4 2

♠ 8 5 2
♥ A Q 8 4
♦ K 9 8 7 3
♣ A

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♣	1♠	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

North's hand, while no rock-crusher, was worth an opening bid. He expected to show his minimum strength by a rebid of one no-trump or two clubs — if South responded with one of a suit. But, as it happened, East made an overcall and South had to bid two of his best suits. And then North was in trouble.

He couldn't pass, since South's free bid was forcing. He couldn't bid two no-trump; for besides having no spade stopper, his hand was not nearly good enough for that strong rebid. He could, it's true, bid three clubs — the least encouraging bid available — but that would suppress the good fit in diamonds and risk a bad fit in clubs. So North was compelled to bid three diamonds — a rather strong-sounding bid, inviting three no-trump.

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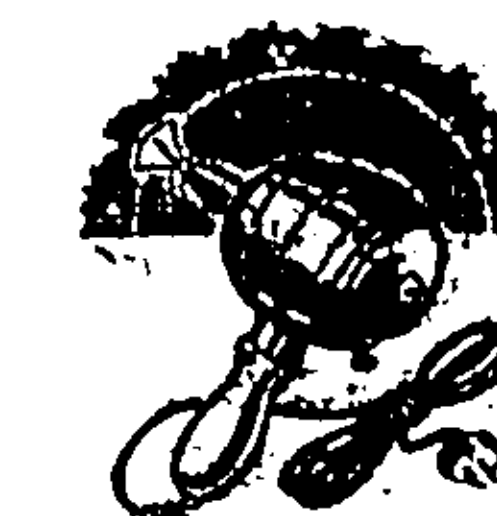
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By ED REED



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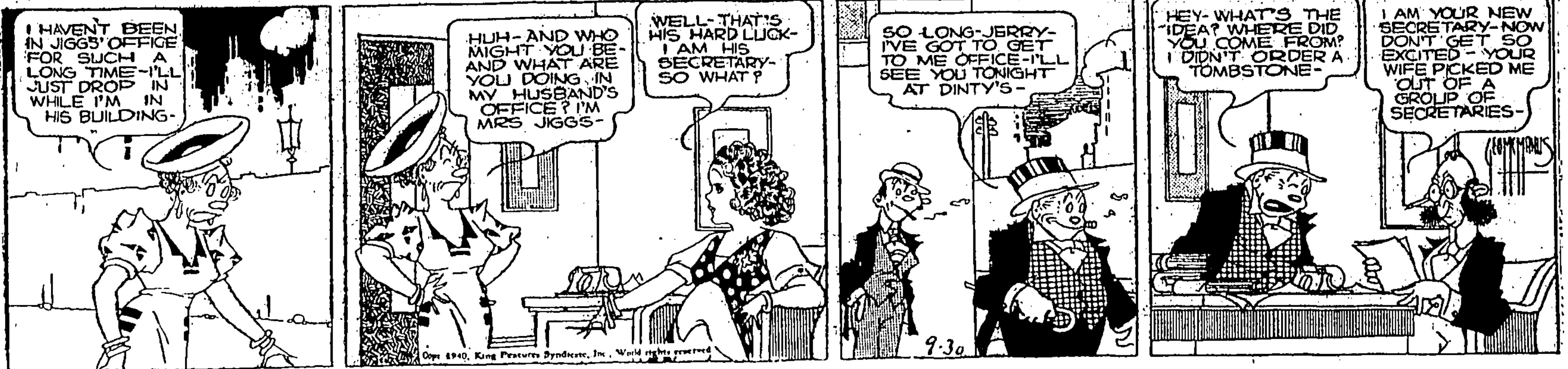
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

The Teaching Profession

THE other day a young woman came to see me who had just given up a responsible position as secretary in a business firm. She had given it up not because she did not like it. Nor had she given it up because she had not been successful. On the contrary she had enjoyed it, had liked the mounting salary, and was considered, so I hear, an extremely able worker. But after thorough consideration and investigation she resigned to train for teaching.

It is so often the other way—teachers leaving to go into something else—that this deliberate choosing of a career in education is a refreshing change, writes M. Taylor in the "Christian Science Monitor."

What are some of the good things that will come her way in her newly-chosen career? First, one thinks of the joy of working with young people and children. To one who "belongs" there is no deeper satisfaction than this. Children and young people are so straight-from-the-shoulder. They demand sincerity, honesty of purpose; they hate sham. They so believe in friendship, and flower so satisfyingly under right conditions. These qualities are a constant challenge to all that is high and constructive and fine in one who works with them. If one approaches one's work with humility—and having charge of children carries with it so much power that one can approach it only with humility—one is the better man or woman for the experience of meeting the high demands of children and young people.

The President of the National Education Association in an article in a recent number of the N.E.A. Journal, quoted the list of requirements of a good teacher, as formulated by an organization of students.



The mentally sketchy girl-friend thinks her beau is going in for higher mathematics when he says he's been stratching a point all day to meet her on time.

These requirements are: physical vitality, mental vigour, moral discrimination, wholesome personality, helpfulness, knowledge, leadership. In the form of a pledge, these are some of the purposes that members of the F.T.A. set up for themselves:

"I will study daily to keep my mind active and alert; I will seek to know the right and to live by it; I will cultivate in myself goodwill, friendliness, poise, upright bearing, and careful speech. I will fill my mind with worthy thoughts by observing the beautiful world around me, by reading the best books, and by association with the best companions; I will make my influence count on the side of right, avoiding habits that weaken and destroy. These things will I do now that I may be worthy the high office of teacher."

Yes, for the sake of children and youth, if not for our own sakes, the achieving of a fine character and good habits of thought and action is essential, and therefore among the blessings of teaching. Another challenge, accepted by any sincere educator, is actually to live democracy in order that it may be taught by example as well as precept. In other walks of life we might get along without accepting this challenge—but in good teaching, never.

And yet another satisfaction that belongs to teaching, is the joy of working with books, with ideas, with an emphasis on culture. Helping others to awaken to all this is in itself a priceless privilege.

If you have read Mary Ellen Chase's "A Goodly Fellowship" you have already added to my incomplete list another deep satisfaction—and that is fellowship with the grand people who are your co-workers, in your own school system and in the profession as a whole. It is indeed a "goodly fellowship." The old axiom about a prophet in one's own country, or "familiarity breeds contempt" may blind one at times to the excellence of one's own co-workers; but the fact remains that, as a class educators are unusually sincere, able people, willing to sacrifice much for high ideals, and doing a great piece of work.

Much is said about overworked and underpaid teachers, about the thanklessness of the job, about all the things that are wrong with it. Within the year a prize was given to a novel purporting to bring out the richness of the teacher's work, and I who know and love teaching could not read it through, because the emphasis on the drab and the injustice and the wrong seemed to me so out of proportion. We need a truer picture of teaching than that. Mary Ellen Chase and Bliss Perry might give it to us in the novel field as they have done in the non-fiction field.

But a person, to love teaching has to be one who really "belongs" in it. It is a hard job. It is sometimes thankless. There are injustices, as in any other profession. It is underpaid—but no amount of gold could really pay what good teaching is worth. Yet it is, for the right person, a deep joy, an ultimate satisfaction.

If those who appreciate this, will express more freely their enthusiasm for teaching, perhaps more of those who should be teaching will realise where they really belong, and will take active steps to join the "Goodly Fellowship," as has the young friend who recently came to see me.

Fish Loaf That Tastes Like Chicken

By Dorothy Greig

THE last time we had fish loaf one of the guests remarked "this is certainly a delicious chicken loaf"—which made me smile a little.

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Another thing—the loaf is good served either hot or cold, and it slices neatly. Also, chilled and sliced thin, it makes a good substantial filling for sandwiches. Or cut into cubes it can be used for a main dish salad. This is how to make it:

- 1 can condensed chicken soup
- 1 can tuna fish (7 oz. size)
- 1½ cups soft bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon pimiento, chopped
- 1 tablespoon parsley, chopped
- 2 eggs

Strain the rice, celery and chicken from the chicken soup. Combine them with the tuna fish (which has been put into a strainer and 1 cup of hot water poured over it) and put all through the food chopper. Then mix with the soft bread crumbs, the chicken soup, chopped pimiento, parsley and eggs. Put into a buttered loaf pan and bake in a moderate oven (350°) 45-60 minutes or until firm. Serves 4-5.

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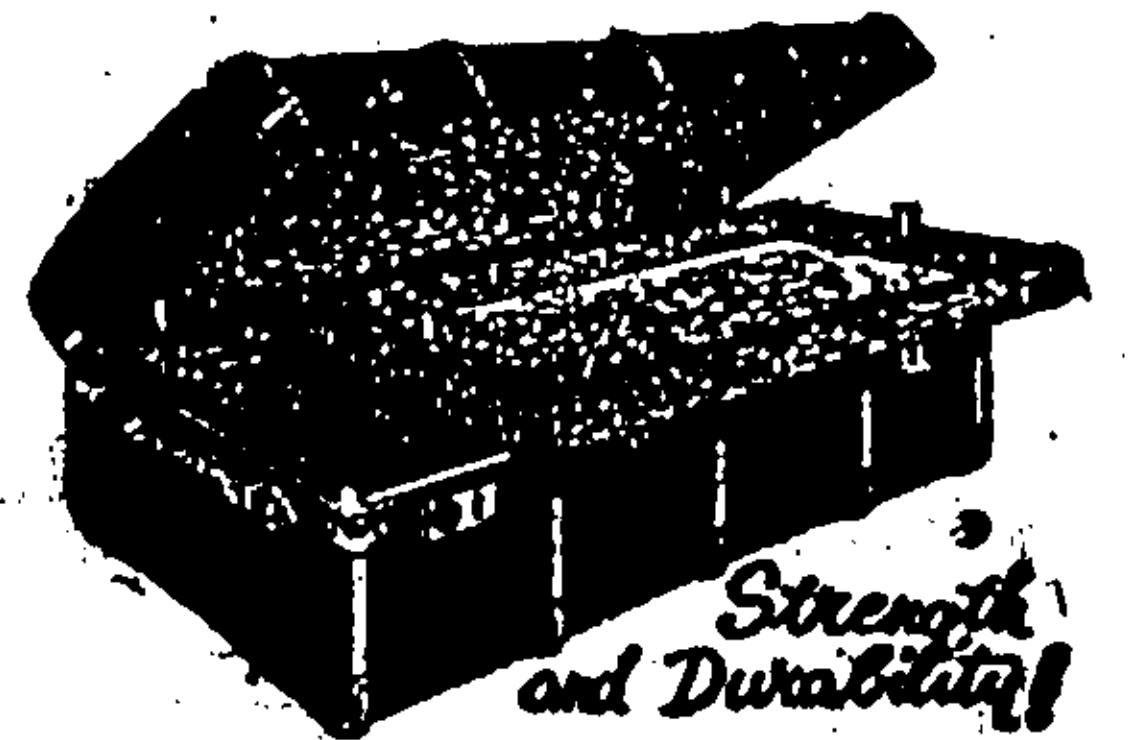
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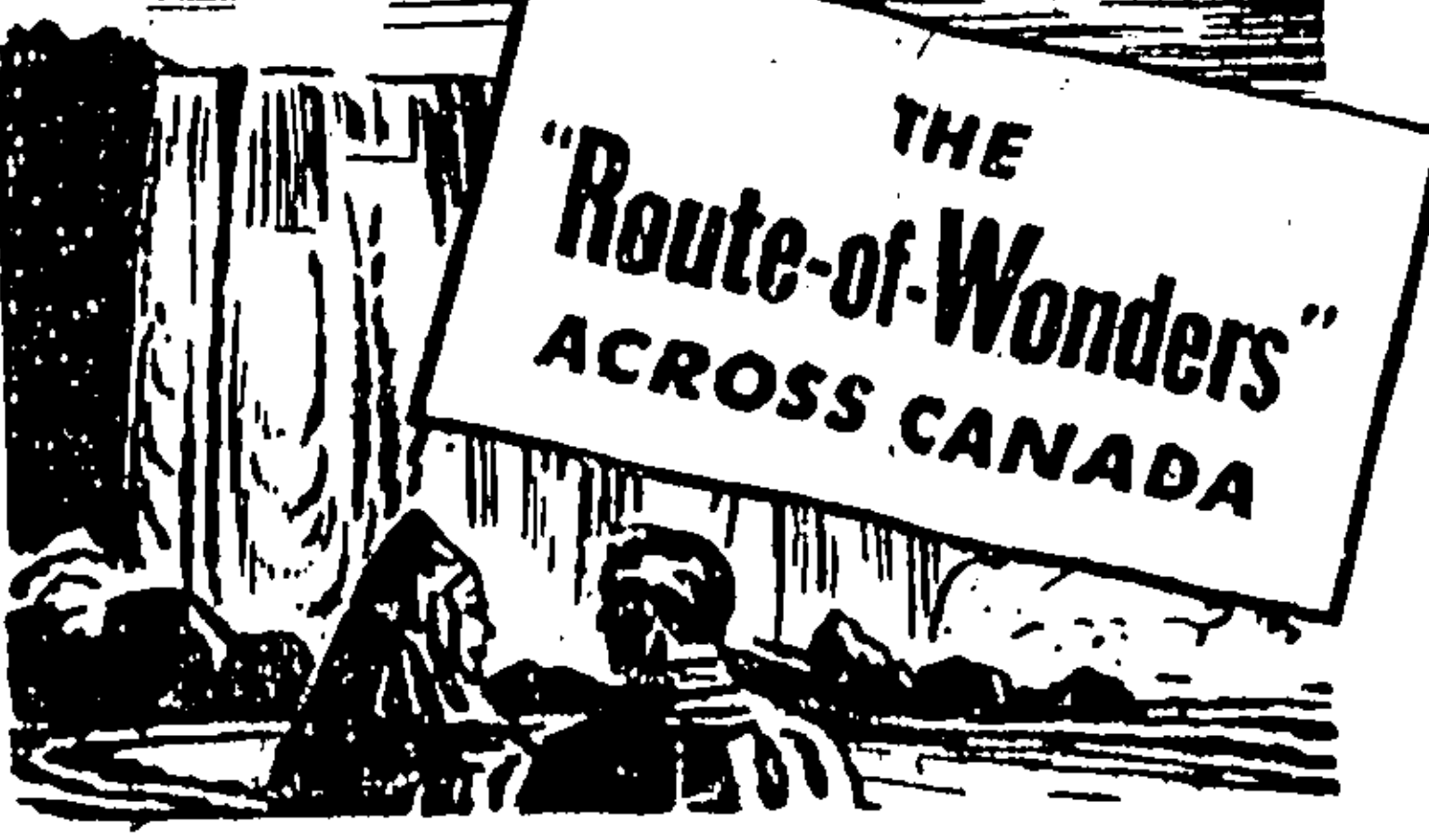
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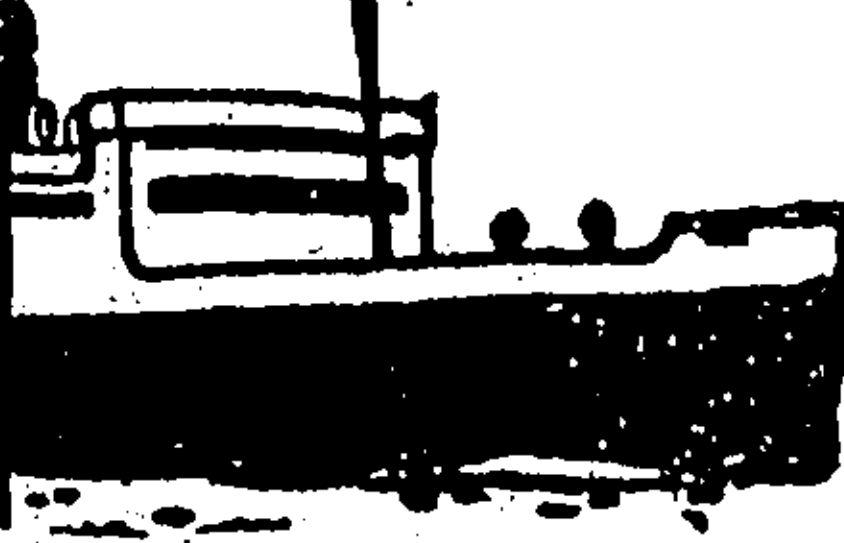
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- 8.03 p.m.—This week's programmes.
- 8.07 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano.
- 8.15 p.m.—London Relay—Hi Gang!
- 9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
- 9.30 p.m.—Compositions of Elgar.
- 10.00 p.m.—Selections from Grand Opera.
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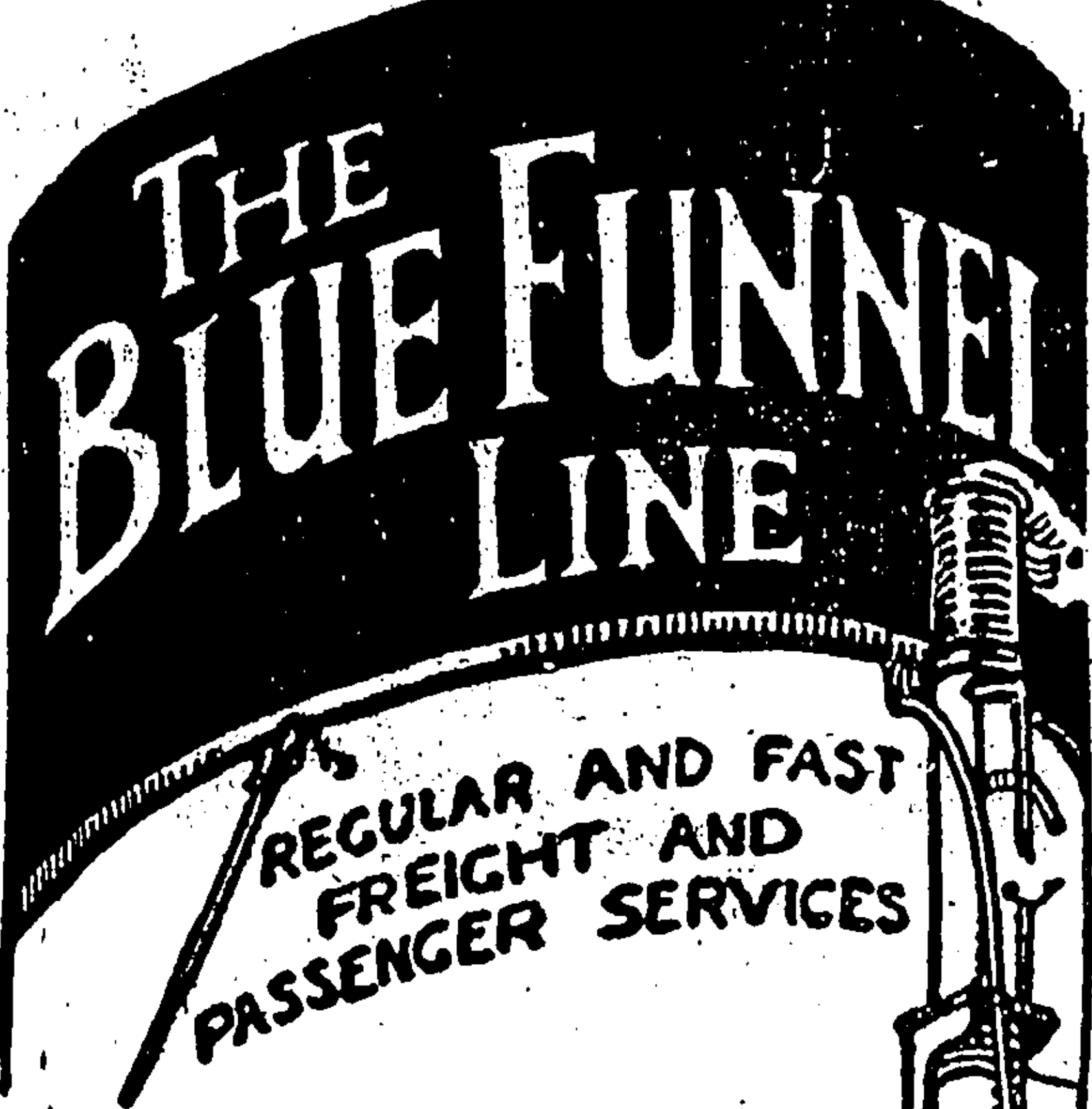
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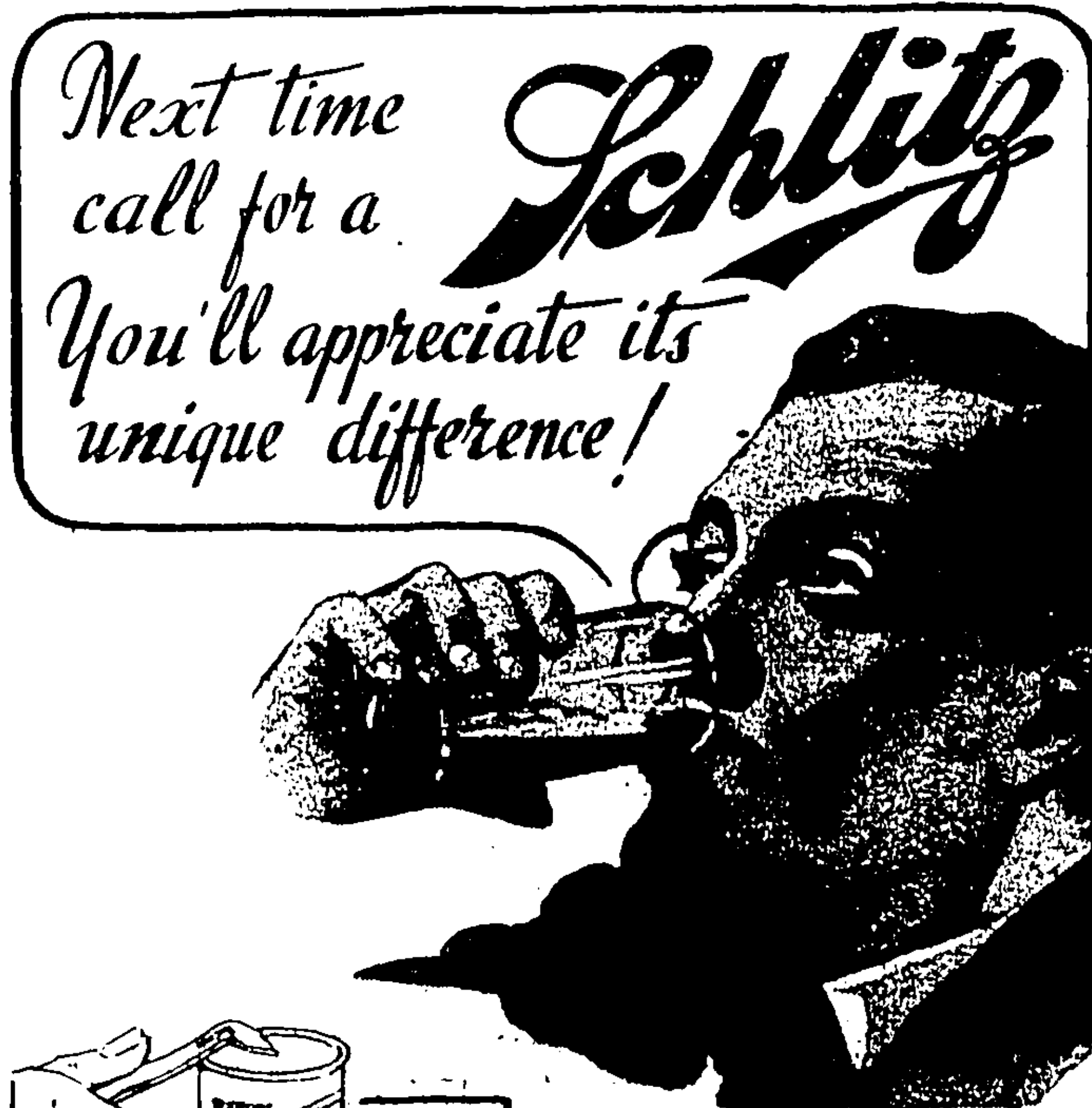
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Police Falter Against Eastern In Closing Minutes

Pope Holds Hau Ching-to Howlett And Moss Best Of Police Forwards

By "Sportshawk"

After leading by the odd goal in three, until the last 20 minutes, Police had bad luck to lose Chan Kwong-yu through an injured ankle and during his temporary absence Eastern equalised. This so inspired them that they netted two further goals in the last 10 minutes to win by 4 goals to 2 in the Senior Division Soccer game at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon.

It will be recalled that in their first meeting at Boundary Street, Police also led until the last 20 minutes by 3 goals to 2, but Eastern scored two quick goals in the last five minutes to snatch both points.

Police turned out the same team as they fielded against Sing Tao, while Eastern were without the services of Cheung Kam-hoi, who is on the injured list, and whose position at inside-right was filled by Ku Wing-fook.

On the whole, Police had the better of Eastern for the greater part of the game and were definitely on top during the last stages of the first period.

If Chan Kwong-yu had not been injured and forced to leave the field for about 10 minutes, during which Eastern equalised, Police might have held on to their lead or at least might have forced a draw. Chan returned but was obviously feeling the effects of his injury and as a result he was not so safe.

Manning, the Police custodian, brought off several good saves, while Chan Kwong-yu played a particularly sound game and combined well with his partner, Blackburn.

Police intermediate line was very sound; all the three players worked very hard and assisted both defence and attack. Pope, who improves in every game, was the best in this line. This player had the speedy Hau Ching-to well in hand so that Hau was subsequently forced out of the picture, despite his usual tricks and speed.

Lau Pak-hung, the newly promoted junior player, played an unexpectedly good game on the left-wing for Police and scored both his side's goals. Howlett distinguished himself at inside-right and Moss ably led the attack.

Lau Hin-hon, Eastern's goalkeeper, was not very safe but he showed good anticipation and handling after the resumption, while Kong Sing-ling, at right-back, was in his usual form and defended stoutly.

Hsu King-sing, the pivot, played a good game in the half back line and was the only outstanding player for Eastern in that line.

Eastern's attack was best served by V. K. Hyui, who confidently led the forwards and was ably supported by his two inside men, while Chung Yung-sum sent over several good centres from right-wing.

After 10 minutes play V. K. Hyui opened the scoring for Eastern from a pass from Ku Wing-fook, but Police equalised through Lau Pak-hung later and the same player netted another goal to give Police the lead.

On resumption, Police managed to hold the lead until the last 20 minutes when Chan Kwong-yu was injured. Eastern then equalised through V. K. Hyui from a corner by Chung Yung-sum.

This equaliser heartened Eastern considerably and in the last 10 minutes they netted two further goals through Hsu King-sing and V. K. Hyui.

Eastern:—Lau Hin-hon; Kong Sing-ling and S. T. Liu; Lau Tse-chan, Hau King-sing and Wop Ki-cheong; Chung Yung-sum, Ku Wing-fook, V. K. Hyui, C. T. Tsao and Hau Ching-to.

Police:—Manning; Blackburn and Chan Kwong-yu; Pope, Gough and North; Wong Man-kwai, Howlett, Moss, Ferrier and Lau

NAVY "A" FIFTEEN

Following will represent Navy "A" against Club "A" on Wednesday on Club ground at 4.45 p.m.: Midshipman Rowe; Sub-Lieutenant Kennedy, Petty Officer Wilson, Cadet Lambie and Leading Aircraftman Gracie; Sub-Lieutenant Smith and Electrical Artificer Wilson; Sub-Lieutenant Winter, Lieutenant (E) Brown, Able Seaman Hughes; Leading Aircraftman Stockham, Cadet Thornhill; Able Seaman Williams, Sick Berth Attendant Baggs and Ord, Signaller Taylor.

Reserves:—Petty Officer Skinner, Able Seaman Lilley, Able Seaman Smith, Able Seaman Rees, Pilot Officer Baugh, Petty Officer Jones and Leading Signaller Mitchell.

Kowloon Dock Recreation Club will pay a return bowls visit to the Prison Officers' Club at Stanley on Sunday next. When the Stanley team made the trip across the harbour last Sunday they came away winners by a very comfortable margin.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND GOAL-SCORERS

FIRST DIVISION

Eastern 4 Police 2
Hyui (2) and Lau Pak-hung (2).
Hau Ching-to and Hsu King-sang.
Sing Tao 3 St. Joseph's 3
Lai Shui-wing Man Chi-ki and (3). Gomes.

SECOND DIVISION

Navy 5 Kwong Wah 2
O'Regan (3), Lau Wing-kui
Allison and Leung
Barber. Bing-kwan.
Sing Tao 2 30th R.A. 2
Wo Chin-cheung Marshall and (2). Round.

MY BET IS STILL ON ARMY

By "SCRUM-HALF"

NAVY FULLY DESERVED THEIR QUADRANGULAR TUG-OF-WAR TOURNAMENT TRIUMPH OVER ARMY ON SATURDAY. WHEN THEY PROVED CONCLUSIVELY THAT THEIR 5-5 DRAW AGAINST CLUB ON THE PREVIOUS SATURDAY WAS NO FLUKE.

Their win was the result of inspired play by a light pack and brilliant defensive play by their backs, among whom Paul was especially prominent. Of the forwards King, Taylor and Mannell were in a class of their own, and they received excellent support from the remainder of the pack, both in the tight and loose. Watson did extraordinarily well. Master Ford, and Rutherford did the rest, despite the constant attentions of the Army wing forwards.

Army started off very confidently, but after several well executed movements had been successfully countered by a ruck-and-scum defence they became ragged and rattled, thus contributing largely to their own downfall. Pickett, who played really well, Douglas Hook, Wedderburn, Sutherland Pinkerton and Gillam were their only players to impress.

With Club easily accounting for Police, Navy concluded the First Round of the Tournament one point in the lead, followed by Club, who are one point ahead of Army. The Tournament, however, is by no means won yet, and Army, who had the material to go through without defeat, still have every chance of winning all their remaining games.

My bet is still on Army.

SING TAO JUST DEFEAT SAINTS

By "Referee"

St. Joseph's gave a much improved display in their First Division Soccer game against Sing Tao on the Club ground yesterday, when they were beaten by the odd goal in five, after having as much of the play in the second period.

Sing Tao were without Cheung Wing-choy, Leung Wing-chui and Chui Ah-fai, while Saints were without C. Santos.

Saints were well served by their intermediate line which tackled quickly and seldom gave the Sing Tao forwards much opportunity to settle to their usual play. Fernandes, in the pivotal position, worked hard and kept a good watch on Kwok Ying-kee while Maher was too good for Lau Tsuman, who was able nevertheless, to send over some good centres.

Lau Wing-kwong, Saint's left-half, kept a good hold on Tang Kwong-sum and also found time to mark Fung King-cheong. He was always up with the ball and assisted his forwards with good through passes.

Leonard and Hussain were two great defenders, as far as clearing their lines were concerned, but neither paid much attention to placing their clearances. Bad positioning on their part was the direct cause of two Sing Tao goals in the second half.

Cruz Improves

Gomes and MacDonald were the best of the Saints' forwards. Boh fell back for the ball and worked like trojans. Gomes displayed good ball control and kept Cruz well fed with passes with the result that the two were often very dangerous.

Cruz gave a much better display in the second period and sent over good centres which were not turned into account.

Soong Ling-sing, the Sing Tao pivot, saved his side from defeat and a forward line of a slightly better calibre than St. Joseph's would have pierced the Sing Tao defence often.

Soong was the only stumbling block on numerous occasions to the Saints' forwards. He had the centre well covered and it was he who initiated most of the openings for his forwards. Neither of his wing halves were impressive and were often beaten by the opposing wingers.

Lee Ting-sang, in spite of the light forward line he was in against, was none too comfortable and though he did not miskick his clearances were often hasty.

Choo, in Sing Tao goal, did not have much to do but the little he had to do did not inspire confidence.

Sing Tao were the better team in the first half, but their forwards were not impressive in their movements.

Lai Shui-wing opened the score when he cleverly tricked Leonard and sent in a fast shot. Prior to this Kwok had missed a penalty.

Saints Equalise

In the second half Saints started off with a rush and were soon on level terms through Man Chi-ki. Two glorious chances of taking the lead were missed by Saints when Cruz hit the upright and Gomes sent the ball wide when well

SOFTBALL RESULTS

Following were yesterday softball results:

GIRLS

Cardinals 22, Ramblerettes 21.
Chung Hwa 19, Florinhas 10.
Wildcats 16, Wahoes 17.

MEN'S

First Division

St. Joseph's 25, Filipinos 7.
Cyclones 0, Recrelo Aces 1.
Canucks 3, Indians 11.

Second Division

Chung Hwa 9, Cosmopolitans 8.
Recrelo Bees 5, South China 6.
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Sing Tao took the lead through Lai Shui-wing, who sent in a first timer following a corner taken by Tang Kwong-sum, and shortly after he placed his side further ahead when Hussain misjudged a high ball.

Gomes scored for Saints shortly after with a weak shot and Man Chi-kee just missed the upright with a cross shot.

St. Joseph's:—Sammy Tsang, Hussain, D. Leonard, Maher, Fernandes, Lau Wing-kwong, Cruz, Man Chi-kee, MacDonald, Gomes, A. Leonard.

Sing Tao:—Choo Shiu-hang, Hau Yung-sang, Lee Tin-sang, Luk Tat-hang, Soong Ling-sing, Shin You-shup, Tang Kwok-shum, Lai Shui-wing, Fung King-cheung, Kwok Yink-ki, Loo Tung-ting.

ENGINEERS BEATEN

In an exciting game on the Chater Road ground on Saturday, Hong Kong Cricket Club beat Royal Engineers by one wicket, the winning run, a single, coming just one minute from time.

ENGINEERS

Major Grose, b Finnie 18
Spr. Tropp, not out 62
Spr. Ratcliffe, c and b Finnie 0
Capt. Freeman, run out 3
Sgt. Denyer, b Dewar 4
Sgt. Shipp, b Finnie 65
Extras (B6, LB5, NB1) 12

Total (for 5 wickets, dec.) 164
Spr. Bailey, S/Sgt. Megson, S/Sgt. Kehoe, Spr. Goss and Major Parsons did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dewar	7	0	27	1
Finnie	8.6	1	50	3
Carey	3	0	13	0
Robb	3	0	30	0
Haymes	3	0	32	0

H.K.C.C.

Capt. Lawrence, c Shipp, b Megson	1
J. P. Carey, b Megson	1
M. L. F. Haymes, c Denyer, b Megson	14
C. E. Gahagan, c Freeman, b Megson	2
L. D. Kilbee, lbw, b Denyer	27
A. J. Dewar, c Tropp, b Denyer	51
C. W. E. Bliston, not out	29
D. S. Robb, b Denyer	14
W. G. Finnie, b Denyer	0
J. L. Halsey, c Tropp, b Denyer	17
E. W. Rudney, not out	2
Extras (B4, LB3)	7

Total (for 9 wickets) 165

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tropp	9	0	41	0
Megson	5.8	0	26	4
Parsons	3	0	36	0
Denyer	8	0	50	5



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SAPPERS BEAT CRAIGENGOWER

Royal Engineers defeated Craigengower Cricket Club by 4 wickets in a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Both teams later played another innings, limited to 45 minutes each and this resulted in Sappers again winning by 4 wickets.

C. C. C.

J. L. Youngsaye, c Shipp, b Megson	0
A. J. Hulse, run out	21
A. R. Kitchell, b Denyer	2
A. B. Hamson, c Bailey, b Tropp	1
P. J. Billimoria, lb.w., b Tropp	4
Ramchand, not out	23
E. Mitchell, lb.w., b Denyer	1
T. Edgar, b Shipp	1
U. Esmail, b Shipp	1
H. L. Forman, b Shipp	0
F. Baker, c and b Shipp	5
Extras (B14, LB5)	19
Total	79

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Megson	5	2	16	1
Tropp	6	2	5	2
Shipp	5	3	15	4
Denyer	4	0	24	0

ROYAL ENGINEERS

Megson, b Billimoria	0
Pelham, c Edgar, b Hulse	14
Bailey, b Hulse	15
Kehoe, run out	4
Shipp, b Hulse	3
Ratcliffe, c Hamson, b Hulse	4
Tropp, not out	45
Holliday, c Hulse, b Esmail	15
Parsons, not out	6
Extras (B8, LB3)	11
Total (for 7 wks.)	117

Denyer and Shaw did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hulse	10	3	33	4
Billimoria	6	1	23	1
Hamson	2	0	16	0
Esmail	3	0	28	1
Ramchand	1	0	6	0

2nd Innings

C.C.C.

J. L. Youngsaye, b Parsons	13
U. Esmail, retired	35
T. Edgar, b Ratcliffe	5
E. Mitchell, c and b Ratcliffe	0
H. L. Forman, run out	2
L. Choa, c Ratcliffe, b Parsons	1
P. J. Billimoria, not out	1
Extras (B1, LB4)	5

Total (for 6 wks. dec.) 62

A. J. Hulse, A. B. Hamson, Ramchand and Baker did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Parsons	5	1	36	2
Ratcliffe	5	0	21	2

Royal Engineers

Denyer, b Mitchell	12
Shaw, c Ramchand, b Forman	31
Shipp, b Ramchand	3
Kehoe, b Ramchand	0
Ratcliffe, b Ramchand	4
Parsons, b Youngsaye	2
Bailey, not out	11
Holliday, c and b Forman	26
Extras (W2)	2

Total (for 7 wks.) 91

Pelham, Tropp and Megson did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Edgar	2	0	27	1
Ramchand	2	0	9	3
Youngsaye	3	0	28	1
Forman	2.5	0	27	2



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FOUR friendly hockey games were played on Saturday. Punjabis, who are finding conditions still strange to them, were held to a draw by Y.M.C.A. With the hockey tournament now on few interesting hockey games are played on Saturdays.

C.B.A. Ladies entertained at St Andrew's Ladies team and won by 3 goals to 1.

Confusion Bay's (Mr. Sung up) win in record time in the Hong Kong Autumn Championships, which it won last year, provided the highlight of the last

Racing Extra Meeting of Hong Kong Jockey Club's 1940 season. Mr. Black had four wins, a second and a third in seven starts to conclude the season champion jockey with 37 wins as against the 27 he secured to win the title in 1936.

NAVY great a big surprise when they beat Army by 11 points to 3 in their Quadrangular Rugby tournament match at Causeway Bay on Saturday and as a result

Rugby now lead in the table at the conclusion of the First Round. Club swamped Police at Boundary Street and won by 36 points to 8.

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

THOUGH no centuries were registered in Saturday's friendly cricket games, good scores were made by Richardson, Tropp and Shipp.

Following were the best individual performances:—

BATTING

J. E. Richardson	67
Shipp	65
Tropp	62*
A. T. Lee	59
A. J. Dewar	51
K. J. Attwell	42
A. R. Sufflad	34*
A. H. Rumjahn	32
E. L. Gosano	31

* Not out.

BOWLING

Lloyd	6	for	5
Pope	6	for	22
Dixon	5	for	20
Denyer	5	for	55
Billimoria	5	for	71
Hulse	4	for	15
Megson	4	for	26
Stone	4	for	29

Ingleby	4	for	33
E. F. Fincher	3	for	2
Ahmed	3	for	5
M. A. Remedios	3	for	6
Prata	3	for	10
Rumjahn	3	for	12
Souza	3	for	18
Singh	3	for	24
Cunningham	3	for	25
Perry	3	for	35

OUTSTANDING performance in the Football League on Saturday was South China's 5 nil victory over Service

Football Corps in the Second Division which has greatly enhanced their chances for the title.

After establishing a two goal lead in the first half, Middlesex fell off badly after the interval and were forced to share four goals with Kwong Wah in First Division.

Shell still continue to show improved form and lost to International by the only goal scored late in the game.

HOCKEY RESULTS

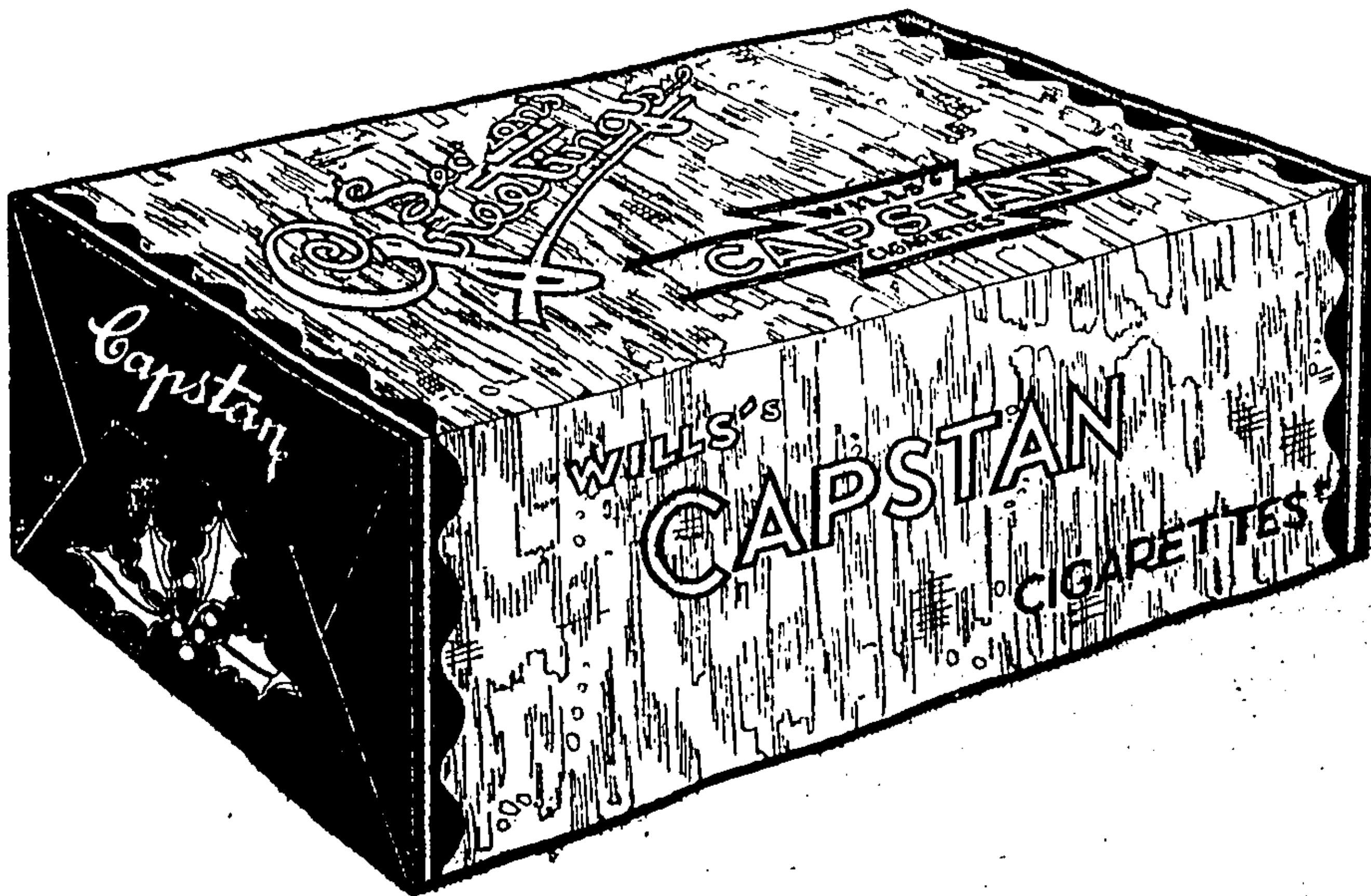
Following were results of games played yesterday in the Hockey Tournament.

Police "A"	6	University	0
Howlett (2),			
Jaabir Singh			
(3) and Teja			
Singh.			
A. N. Other	5	5th A.A. "B"	1
Hitchcock (4),		Biggington.	
Alsey and			
Morgan.			
Khalsa	3	Police "B"	1
G. Singh, Awtar		Marwant Singh,	
Singh, and			
Karmindar			
Singh.			

"Skelly" Abdul-Razack, captain of Cyclones' Softball Club, and one of the members of the Union Insurance team in the Inter-Hong League last season, is now eligible for the Lacas team in the Hong League this year. Bobby Laurel, who has been catching for Lacas, is just as good behind the plate as "Skelly", but it is certain that the latter will be able to find a place somewhere in the team.

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26 ITALIANS SHOT DOWN IN FIGHTS OVER DESERT

Royal Air Force Keeps Up Scale Of Operations

HUGE WAR BUDGET IN AUSTRALIA

Mr. Menzies, Australian Minister, yesterday gave the lie to a German broadcast that he was going to London to voice his dissatisfaction with British policy.

This is "typical of German propaganda," he said, and the answer was given in the Commonwealth Parliament last week when all Parties with one voice approved the £270,000,000 war budget.

"Hitler can rest assured," said Mr. Menzies, "that Australia in indissoluble unity with Britain — will give a good account of herself in preparing for the battlefield."

It was announced yesterday that Australia is establishing a new arms factory in Queensland. It will cost £1,000,000 and employ 2,500 workers. — Reuter.

THANKS FOR THE BUGGY-RIDE

AFTER ITS ANNOUNCEMENT ON SATURDAY NIGHT THAT THE SITUATION WAS "SERIOUS BUT NOT CATASTROPHIC," ROME RADIO YESTERDAY PLUCKED UP A LITTLE MORE COURAGE AND A TALK YESTERDAY CONGRATULATED THE BRITISH ON PUTTING UP SUCH A GOOD SHOW!

The announcer said: — "We always thought that the

Bardia Gets Particularly Heavy Attack

THE DESTRUCTION OF A FURTHER 26 ENEMY AIRCRAFT IS RECORDED IN A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY R.A.F. HEADQUARTERS IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

The communique says British bombers steadily raided Italian landing grounds and aerodromes in the advanced area in the Middle East, and in addition, Bardia was selected for a particularly heavy attack.

About 50 Capronis were patrolling over Bardia but the British bombers persisted in the attack, causing heavy damage.

Two enemy aircraft were destroyed at Derna and others severely damaged.

One fighter squadron alone accounted for 14 Savoias and four Capronis.

Three more Savoias and three Capronis were shot down by other squadrons.

From these operations only three of our aircraft failed to return safely but it is probable that at least one is safe on our side of the line.

Tripoli Attack

Grotone harbour was raided for the first time by our bombers on the night of Friday, and the same night Fleet Air Arm air-

British would not give us a good fight and thus deprive our final victory of glory!" — Reuter.

craft successfully attacked Tripoli, securing direct hits on two ships.

Incessant Patrol

Twenty-four of the 26 Italian planes destroyed during the day were shot down by our fighters, which maintained an incessant patrol in protection of advanced British troops.

Both in Bardia and Tobruk, fires were still burning from raids on the previous day.

Asmara, Gura, Zula and Daghilla, in Italian East Africa, were successfully raided. — Reuter.

AMERICANS PAY HOMAGE TO LORD LOTHIAN

Funeral services for the late Lord Lothian, British Ambassador in Washington, were held with full military honours in Washington Cathedral yesterday afternoon.

United States cavalry escorted the caisson bearing the body from the Embassy to the Cathedral through avenues cleared of traffic by hundreds of police and lined with silent crowds.

President Roosevelt, who is spending the week-end at Warm Springs, Georgia, after his Caribbean cruise, was represented at the service by his secretary, Mr. Stephen Early.

Mrs. Roosevelt attended in person.

Mr. Neville Butler, Charge d'Affaires at the British Embassy, represented the King, and Lord Athlone (Governor-General of Canada) and Mr. Mackenzie King (Canadian Premier) were also represented.

Members of the Diplomatic Corps and many high officials were present.

A private cremation was held later in the afternoon at another service at a church. — Reuter.

EMPIRE WAR GIFTS

FURTHER "WAR GIFTS" WERE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY.

Madras has sent a further £15,000 for fighter aircraft, while the Maharajah of Gwalior has made a further gift of £18,750, represented by 25 armoured cars.

The Lord Mayor of London's air-raid distress fund, which now stands at £1,072,000 received further gifts yesterday of £1,000 each from readers of the "Times of Ceylon" and from the Rangoon Corporation. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

A collision between Polioe Motor-boat No. 12, and steam launch "Tai Ku Yeung," belonging to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, occurred on Saturday near No. 14 buoy. The motor-boat was slightly damaged but no-one was injured.

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DESERT FIGHTING IN WHIRLING SANDSTORM

Germany Sticking To Invasion Plans!

According to the Wilhelmstrasse, the unfavourable turn in the Italian operations in Albania and Egypt will not influence German military decisions or lead Germany to give Italy active assistance, said the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" yesterday.

Germany, the correspondent adds, is tenaciously sticking to her plan to seek a final decision against Britain in the British Isles themselves.—Reuter.

Armoured Units Pressing Hard On Heels Of Italians

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent in Cairo)

HARD FIGHTING IS STILL IN PROGRESS ON THE EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN FRONTIER IN A WHIRLING SANDSTORM, ACCORDING TO LATEST REPORTS RECEIVED IN CAIRO LAST EVENING.

Exact details of operations are as yet not available but British casualties are still known to be very slight, despite determined major scrapping.

The R.A.F. continues to batter Sollum barracks, proving that in this area at least Italian troops are still on Egyptian soil.

The British forward mechanised columns are putting up a magnificent show, thrusting at the enemy positions at many points along the frontier wire and inflicting serious casualties on the defending Italian forces.

The indefatigable manner in which our tanks and armoured cars and lorries have been pushing on more than 100 miles day and night for a week reveals clearly the terrific efforts made behind the scenes by the maintenance corps during preparations for the offensive.

Clockwork Precision

Apart from brief halts at the dead of night, to perform odd maintenance jobs — often in disused Italian camps — the British mechanised forces are rolling on with clockwork precision.

At the same time the R.A.F. is continuing to plaster enemy aerodromes and concentrations in the far corners of Libya day and night.

Pilots are still working ceaselessly, pausing only to refuel and reload bombs before taking off again for the battlefield.

Army personnel in Cairo unanimously declare that a great part of the success of the entire operations is due to Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore's well-calculated and consistent plans for bombing the enemy's aerodromes from the start of the offensive, in order to prevent Italian planes taking off.

Prisoner Problem

The disposal and accommodation of prisoners from the battle

DEATH OF FAMOUS COURT SINGER

Madame Blanche Marchesi, the well-known oratorio and concert singer, died in London yesterday at the age of 77.

She had sung before all the crowned heads of Europe and pupils came from all over the world to her singing academy in London.—Reuter.

NOT A BOMB ON BRITAIN ALL DAY

The daylight hours of Sunday passed without a single bomb being dropped in any part of England but nightfall brought the capital the usual alert.

Main weight of the night raid, however, appeared to be concentrated on a town in north-east England, though towns in the south-west were also visited.

The widespread enemy activity last night ended early, London and the north-east town both being clear of raiders before midnight.

Relatively few bombs fell in London and although many fire Continued at foot of preceding Col.

CANADIAN MINISTER SURVIVES In Torpedoed Liner

Mr. C. D. Howe, Canadian Minister of Munitions and Supply, who was on board the British liner "Western Prince" when she was torpedoed in the Atlantic early on Saturday, is safe.

This was revealed yesterday by Lord Beaverbrook, Minister for Aircraft Production, in London, when he informed the Canadian authorities that Mr. Howe had been rescued.

Travelling with Mr. Howe on a visit to London were Mr. E. P. Taylor, Joint Director-General, Munitions Production, Colonel W. C. Woodward, a member of Mr. Howe's department, and Mr. Gordon Scott, financial adviser to Mr. Howe's department.

No mention is made of their fate.—Reuter.

VICHY TAKES OVER SHIPPING

THE CIE GENERAL TRANS-ATLANTIC, THE GREAT FRENCH SHIPPING LINE, HAS NOW BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE VICHY GOVERNMENT, AS A RESULT OF A VICHY-CABINET MEETING UNDER MARSHAL PETAIN YESTERDAY MORNING.

In future, the company's chairman will be nominated by the State and of the 10 directors, eight will be nominated by the Government and two by shareholders.—Reuter.

ITALIAN SUBMARINE SUNK

The Italian submarine Naiade has been sunk by British destroyers, states a communique from the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, received by the Admiralty in London last evening.

The submarine attempted to interfere with operations which British naval forces are continuing along the coast in support of the Army between Sidi Barrani and Bardia.

E-boats also attacked a naval unit but without success and the attack was driven off.

Naval participation in the attack on Bardia is revealed by the communique which says a night bombardment, of that port was carried out with successful results.—Reuter.

M. LAVAL'S ARREST

THERE HAS BEEN NO MENTION OF THE CHANGE OF PLANDIN FOR LAVAL OVER GERMAN-CONTROLLED RADIO STATIONS IN OCCUPIED FRANCE.

It is now reported that M. Laval was arrested even before the announcement of his dismissal. His house has been taken over and his papers searched.—Reuter.

COLLISION IN THE HARBOUR

A collision between Police Motor-boat No. 12, and a launch "Tui Ku Yung," belonging to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, occurred on Saturday near No. 14 buoy. The motor-boat was slightly damaged but no one was injured.

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CEASELESS STREAM OF BOOTY

Magnitude Of British Victory Becoming Clear

Enormous Dumps Of War Material Captured Intact

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent in the Western Desert)

I HAVE JUST ARRIVED AT SIDI BARRANI AFTER A TWO DAYS' JOURNEY ACROSS THE DESERT BY THE 200-MILE ROUTE FOLLOWED BY OUR MECHANISED FORCES AT THE BEGINNING OF THEIR DRIVE TO THE LIBYAN FRONTIER.

Only after such a journey is it possible to appreciate the magnitude of the British victory; throughout the trip we passed an almost ceaseless stream of captured Italian tanks, lorries, armoured cars and prisoners being taken back to bases.

At some points we saw Italian ammunition dumps all intact, covering areas of a couple of square miles each.

Although a breakdown delayed our cars we were able to push on without touching any of our own rations, knowing we should continually find dumps of Italian tinned food along the route.

The Italians destroyed virtually nothing: they hadn't time to do so.

Only when the great fortified encampment at Nibeiwa, where our armoured division wiped out General Maletti's crack desert column in a couple of hours after the British blitz began, has been seen, can the brilliance of this initial victory be fully appreciated.

Maletti's Base

The importance of it is comparable to that of the Battle of Sedan, since it opened the way to all that followed.

At Nibeiwa, General Maletti established a base from which he planned to invade Egypt.

The great encampment, which has a circumference of about four miles, was protected outside by land mines and inside by 18-pounders, other field guns, anti-aircraft guns and machine-guns.

It contained 3,500 of Italy's best Libyan troops led by Italian officers.

While British troops are driving all along the frontier, the astonishing total of Italian prisoners and captured booty continues to mount.

All day long a continual stream of captured Italian lorries crammed with prisoners is bumping across the desert through the sandstorm which has been raging for a whole week.

14,000 At Bug Bug

One armoured brigade, which captured 14,000 prisoners in the

Bug Bug area alone, signalled urgently for assistance as they were anxious to continue the advance without being hampered by acting as warders.

A battalion of a famous Indian regiment took over the prisoners and the armoured brigade hurried on towards Sollum in order to cut off the enemy forces retreating from camps in the interior of the desert which had surrendered.

The final pockets of resistance outside Sidi Barrani were mopped up on Wednesday by forces operating under an Australian-born brigadier.

Meanwhile, the armoured brigade, with a composite force which had been driving along the escarpment running roughly parallel with the coast towards the old frontier, came into contact with the enemy on Thursday, and is still fighting.

Large numbers of retreating Italians have been shot up by British fighters and one group of 100 vehicles and 1,000 men surrendered on Thursday in the Nibeiwa-Sollum area.

Hell-Fire Pass

Another group was attacked by relays of fighters near a spot known among the troops as "Hell-Fire Pass."

In the latter part of the week the Italians have been attempting to retaliate by air attacks.

It was during one of these attacks that an Australian squadron of five Gladiators distinguished itself by engaging 12 Capronis and destroying several of them, as an-



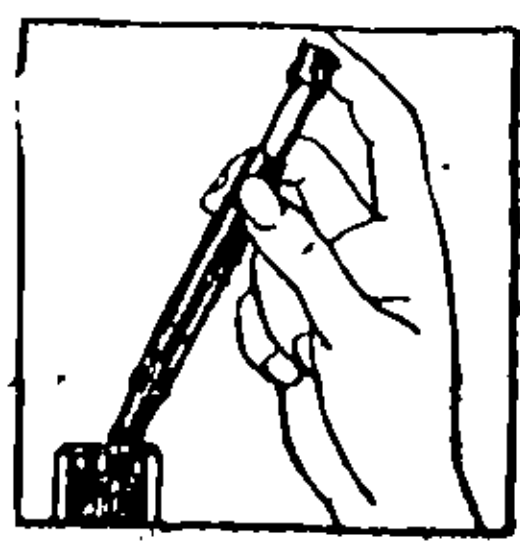
Anzacs on the march in Palestine. They have not yet taken an active part in military operations in the Western Desert. (Copyright, Fox).

REVOLVER SUICIDE AT 15

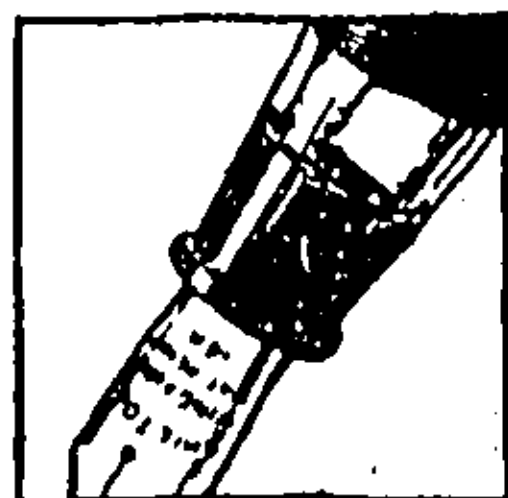
Fifteen-year-old Gerald Douglas Brown shot himself with a revolver at his home in Deerpark Road, Streatham, London. It was stated at the Battersea inquest.

Detective-Sergeant Morris said he had been unable to trace the origin of the revolver. Verdict: Suicide while the balance of the mind was disturbed.

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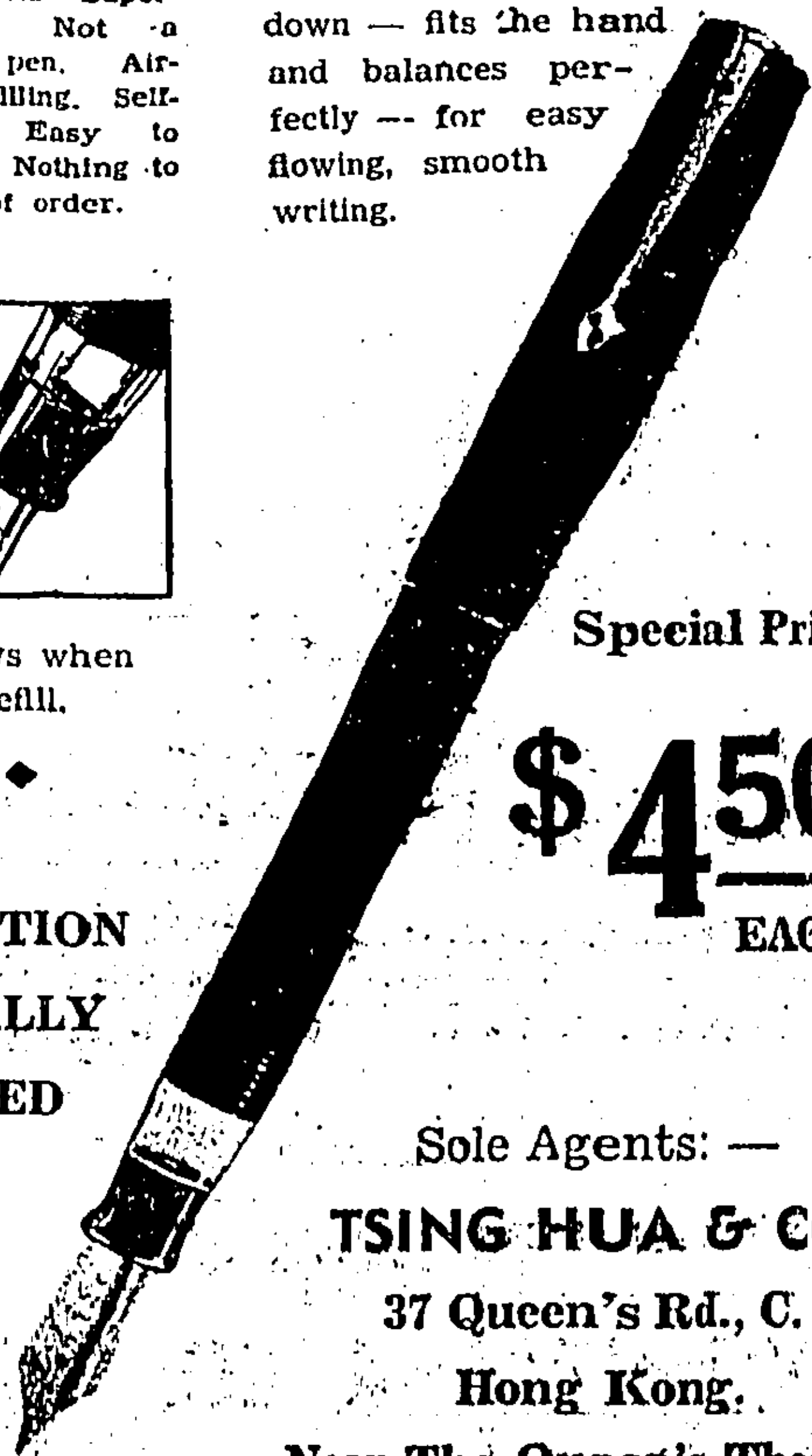


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TRIPOLI BOMBED BY FLEET AIR ARM

An Admiralty communique issued in London yesterday stated that the Fleet Air Arm has been co-operating with the R.A.F. in the attack on the Libyan coast, and in the attack on Tripoli four tons of bombs were dropped.

In addition to direct hits on ships, explosions and damage to warehouses were observed.—Reuter.

WALTER DARRE'S CLAIMS

A sidelight on the recent claim that food ships for countries unoccupied by German troops should be allowed through the British naval cordon was furnished by Walter Darre, Nazi Minister for Agriculture, yesterday.

Darre claimed that in this, the second year of war, Germany has the "highest food standard of all European countries."

Broadcasting to German peasants he also claimed that "the marked increase in milk production during the war is especially significant."

"During the past month milk supplies have steadily increased by 10 to 15 per cent, compared with the same period last year."

"Butter production exceeds by about 30 per cent, that of the corresponding month before the outbreak of war." — Reuter.

nounced in Saturday's R.A.F. communique.

Despite the extent of the British successes, however, it should not be imagined that the Italians did not put up any resistance.

Italian Losses

Their fire at Sidi Barrani was extremely heavy and elsewhere, when British tanks got among them, guns around put up a hot though ineffective fire.

It is still impossible to estimate the total Italian casualties but they are certainly heavy and it is believed they lost thousands of killed and wounded while in addition a number of high officers have been captured.—Reuter.



Capture of five generals in the Western Desert last week was not the first instance since the Egyptian campaign began. This photo shows Major-General Ramello, an Italian, who was captured by a British raiding force during a sally into Libya.

A Day's Work In An R.A.F. Fighter Command Squadron

Pilot's Story Of Battles Over Channel

A PILOT OFFICER D.F.C. recently awarded the D.S.O. in the field, who has shot down over twenty aircraft over Britain, gave a thrilling account of a "day's work" in a broadcast from London yesterday.

"We were up early in the morning," he said. "We hadn't long to wait before I was told to take off and climb over the Channel.

Soon we ran across a squadron of German fighters and in a few seconds the sky was full of both of us. I had a quick bang at one and then at another!

Then I made a turn 'up sun' and joined two aircraft that were climbing, when I discovered I was following two Messerschmidt 109 fighters at only a few yards distance. In fact I was forming on them.

By the time I realised my mistake they had turned away from the sun and I opened fire on them. I came up behind one and gave him a burst and he dropped down into the Channel. When I gave the leader a burst he just exploded in mid-air.

All that was between six and seven—a total of seven altogether—were destroyed. The boys were thinking of breakfast when word came through that things were blowing up again. Off we went on the same old chase.

On returning we found the squadron leader had accounted for another and so had two other pilots.

9 A.M. Score

The score at 9 a.m. was ten Germans destroyed, our losses being three machines hit and needing repair and one pilot baled out.

Soon we were told to proceed to a convoy and patrol it.

The squadron was settling down to the routine job when there was an appalling noise on our radio telephone. Three people at once had seen about 40 bombers in groups of three spread over about a mile. That cheered us up a lot.

One of the flight commanders thought the enemy had already attacked the convoy and were on the way back, and gave chase only to discover they were coming towards him and before he could slow up he had gone right through the centre of them with the other two members of his section blazing away.

This shook the German pilots so much that they immediately broke formation. German fighter-bombers started forming one of their famous defensive circles.

Nazi Swimmers

By this time there were several Germans lying in the water all smashed up with the crews swimming around.

So they were now diving in and out of the circle.

I got my sights into one bomber and gave him a long burst and one of my tracer bullets must have hit the petrol tank as in a few seconds he was a mass of flames and down he went into the sea.

I climbed up to cloud base again when another bomber made for me. A short burst silenced his rear gunner.

As I closed my range his machine rolled over and fell upside down into the sea.

21 OUT OF 38

Checking up the figures we found a total of 20 enemy aircraft had been destroyed.

After lunch we went up again. We saw in the distance about 20 dive-bombers and a fighter

escort going in the direction of a convoy. We were able to close with the fighter escort.

I gave chase to a straggler. I got in a burst of machine-gun fire. He dived and I followed, giving him another burst, when the pilot jumped out. The machine crashed into the beach, bursting into flames.

Back at our aerodrome we found the squadron had attacked 38 enemy aircraft of which 21 were definitely destroyed. — British Wireless.

COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN FINAL OUTCOME

THE MOMENTOUS military events of the past week have had a tremendous effect throughout Egypt.

Egyptians have always believed that Egypt's fate was linked closely with Britain's. During recent months, however, they have had to face a tendentious whispering campaign inaugurated by the thousands of Italians living freely in the country and abusing its hospitality, and deliberately circulating reports calculated to sow distrust of the Allies.

Nevertheless the Egyptians remained steadfast in loyalty to the Allies.

Examples of Italian underground activity reveal the arrogance of the Italian colony.

Many in recent months have even refused to pay their rent, telling their landlords that any action against them would be useless as it was only a matter of weeks before Graziani's victorious troops would enter the country.

Immediate reaction to the British successes in the Western Desert is manifested in the wave of confidence throughout the country.

Pilgrims For Mecca

A small example of this is the fact that 40 Moslems on Saturday registered with the Government as intending pilgrims to Mecca. This number exceeds all those who registered up to then.

Newspapers in Cairo continue to display reports from the Western Desert under banner headlines.

Representative of the opinion of the entire Arabic press, "Al Ahram" declares: "The British success proves that the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty is a necessity for safeguarding the country's integrity. There is no doubt that the week's events have strengthened

in the greatest degree Anglo-Egyptian friendship.

The inhabitants of Cairo are expressing the greatest jubilation. General Wavell on Saturday drove to the Gezira Club for a race meeting and was loudly cheered by Egyptians and foreigners alike. — Reuter.

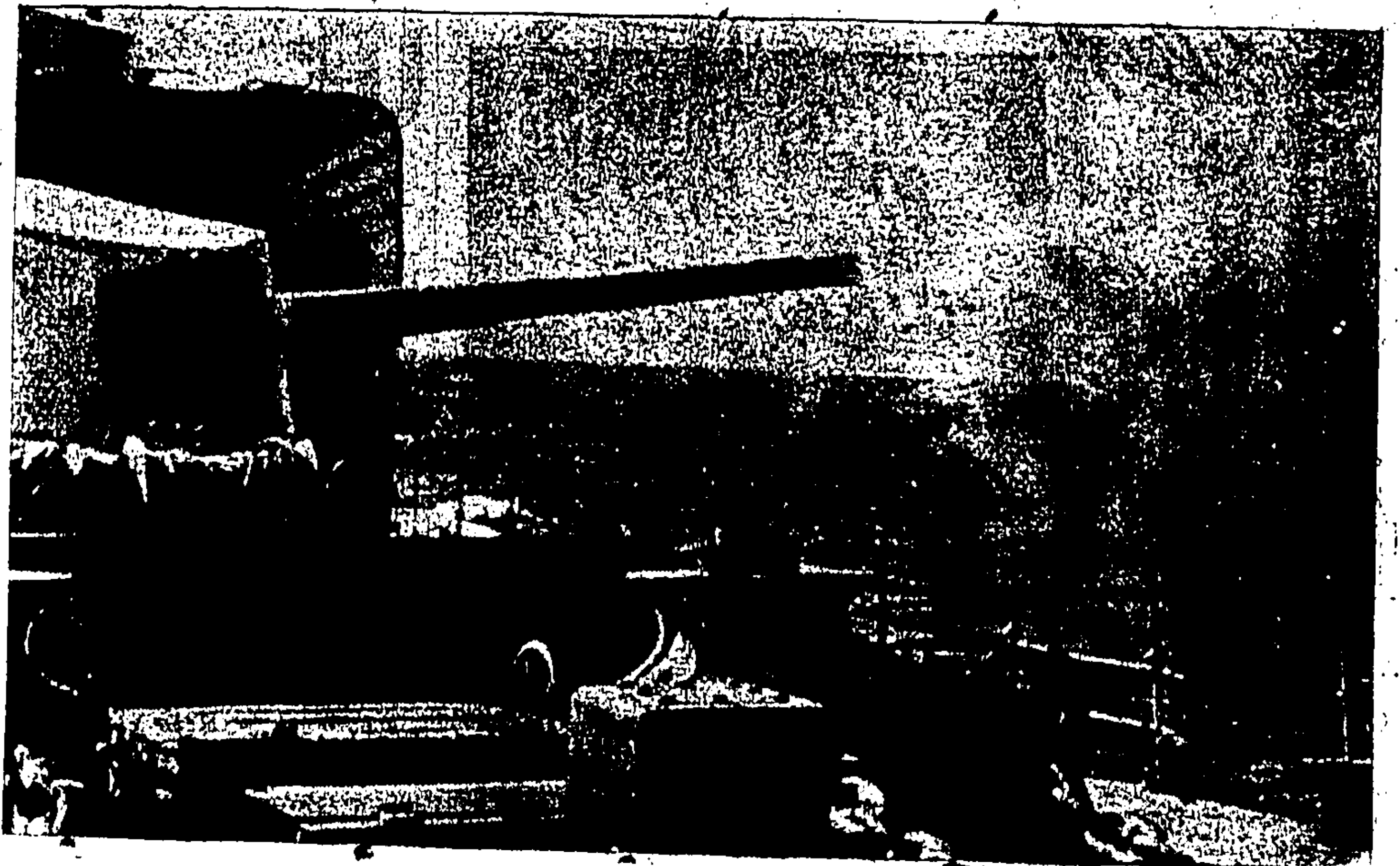
DROVE WOMEN FROM SHELTER

For insulting behaviour in a public air raid shelter during a raid, Albert Thomas Hockley, nineteen, labourer, of Charlton Road, Queensbury, was at Hendon, N.W., fined £2 or one month's imprisonment.

It was stated that owing to Hockley's conduct women had to walk about outside the shelter while shrapnel was falling.

SERIOUS LOSS

While travelling from the Tung On Wharf, to No. 121, Thomson Road, Wanchai, between 1.20 p.m. and 2.45 p.m. yesterday, Kwan Yu-kee lost or had stolen from his pocket, \$1,100—two \$800-notes and one \$100-note.



Cruisers and destroyers of the British Mediterranean Fleet bombarding a port on the Lybian coast. (Copyright, Fox).

DOCTOR PRISONER OF WAR

Dr. J. H. T. Challis, of the London Hospital, who was posted missing while serving with the R.A.M.C., is a prisoner of war.

Dr. Challis is the anaesthetist who, last September, flew with Mr. H. S. Souttar, the Harley Street surgeon, to Bombay, where they attended a woman relative of the Maharajah of Nepal.

They travelled about 12,000 miles.

VALONA TWICE BOMBED

THE ALBANIAN PORT OF VALONA WAS TWICE RAIDED BY THE R.A.F. ON SATURDAY. IT IS ANNOUNCED FROM HEADQUARTERS OF THE BRITISH AIR FORCES IN GREECE. In the first attack bombs fell among military stores and on a motor transport park. A column of black smoke was seen to rise from the motor transport con-

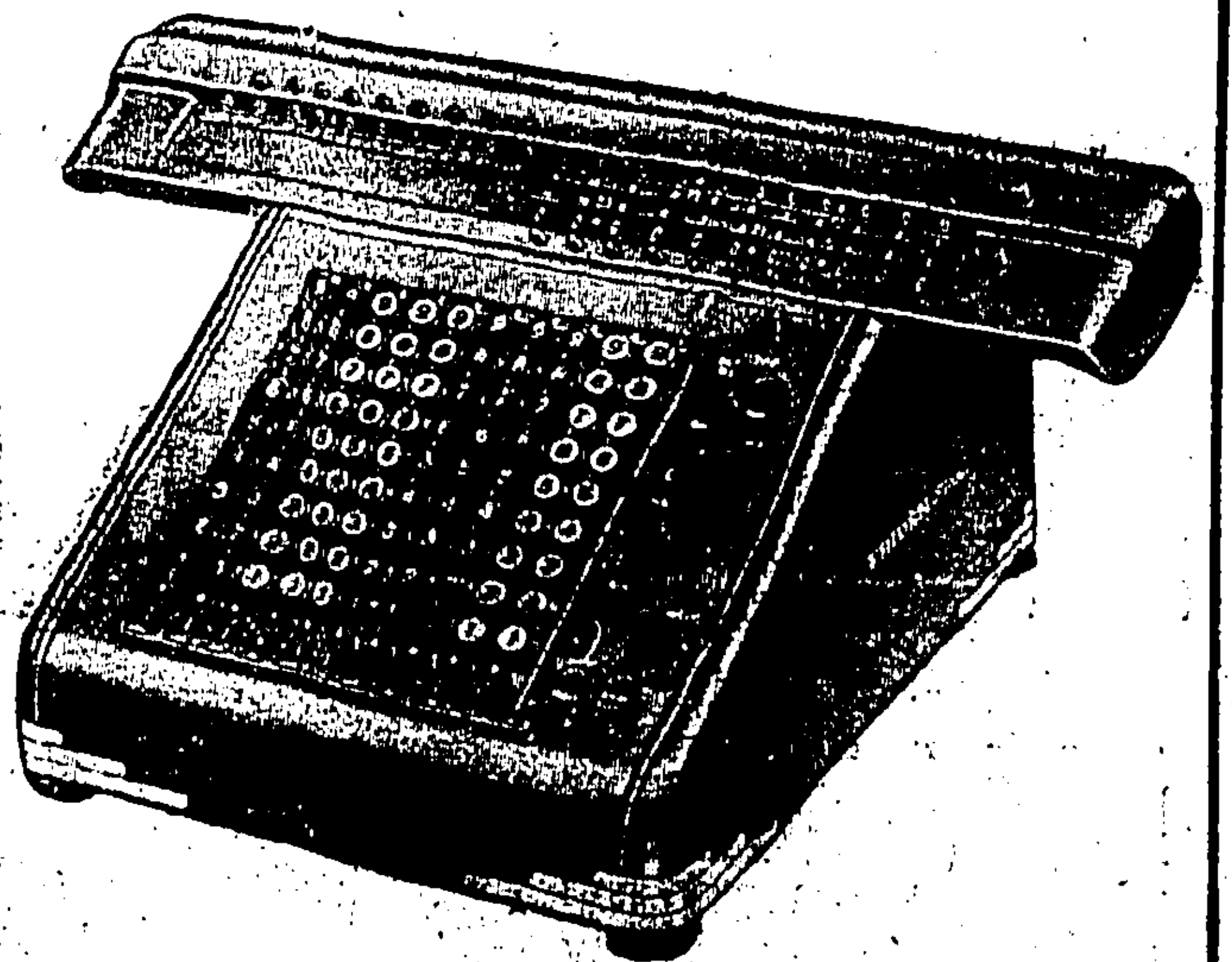
centration and although clouds prevented full observation, the army barracks were also seen to be hit.

On the second attack the aerodrome was bombed, all bombs falling in the target area, and an enemy aircraft about to take off spun round on a wing tip and stopped.

From all operations all British aircraft returned safely. — British Wireless.

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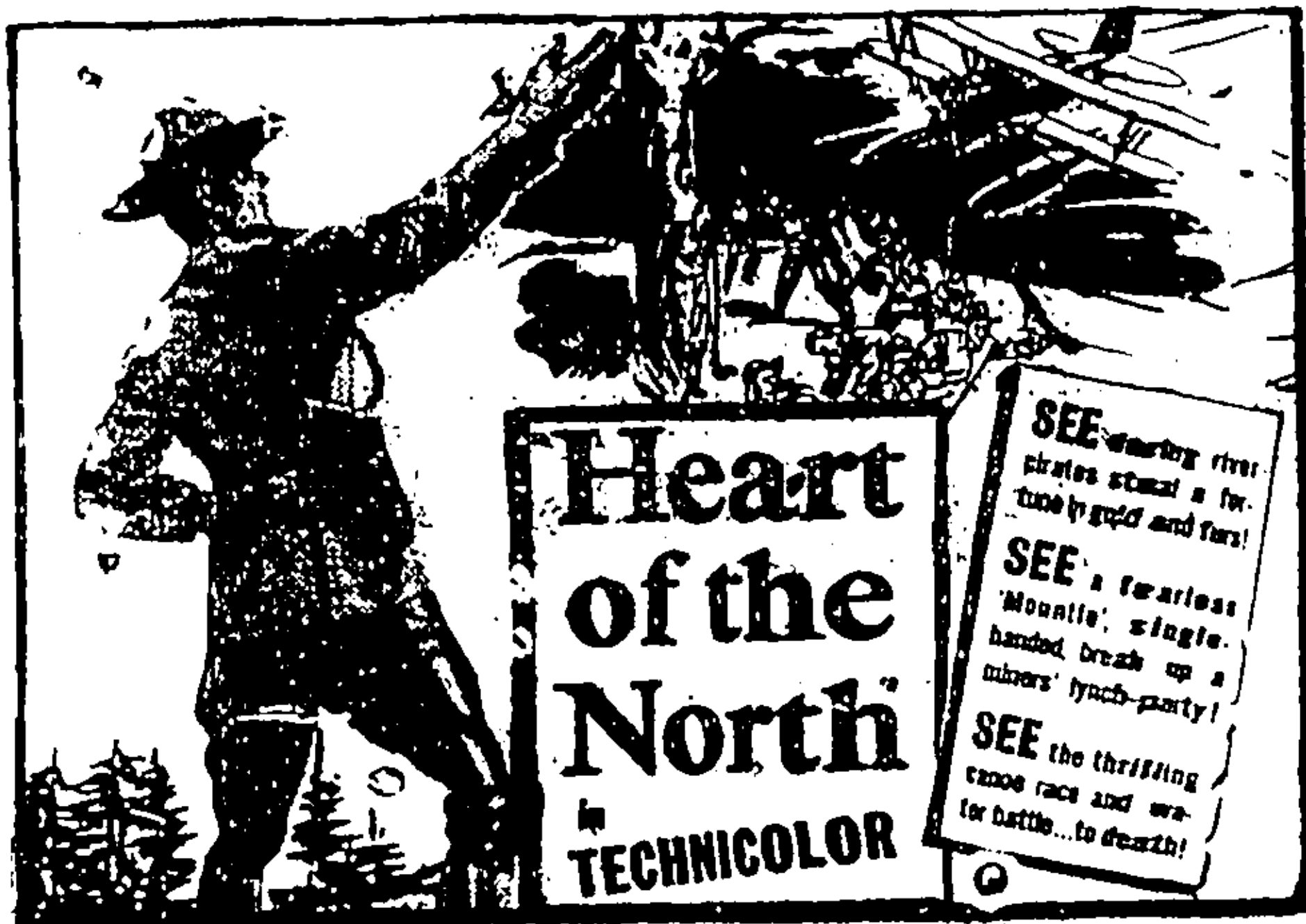
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GERMANY WORRIED ABOUT THE RESCUE OF ITALY

THE GERMAN PRESS, which for weeks has maintained an exaggerated indifference to the plight of the Italians, yesterday assured the German people that all would come right in the end.

Thus, the "Voelkische Beobachter" said that "in German opinion, the situation in Greece and Egypt gives no ground for anxiety."

The paper adds that "this estimate is made with full knowledge of Italian war potential."

The paper poses the question: — Are the Italians to be worn down more quickly than the Germans? Last any readers might be tempted to think of several reasons for answering "yes," the paper quickly adds another question: — Do the English really believe that Germany will merely look on while Italy is worn down?

The paper scoffs at the English for thinking that because Germany has not intervened she will leave Italy in the lurch.

"Military matters receive sober thought in Germany," says the Nazi newspaper.

Germany's Problem

In London, of course, it has long been realised that Germany cannot afford to leave Italy in the lurch and that the only thing that has delayed Hitler has been the difficulty of helping Italy without involving the Axis as a whole. In even more disastrous consequences.

A great deal of thought — sober or otherwise — must have been spent in Berlin on the problem of aid for Italy.

But the Germans now seem to have found it impossible to lie any longer that nothing has gone wrong, and so the Nazi press has been put up to say: —

There is no cause for anxiety. If there is, Germany will put it right. If things do go very wrong for Italy in the Western Desert and Italy cannot be aided by Germany, it will not really matter as the whole affair is of no importance, anyhow! — Reuter.

"BOOBS" TO LEAD WOMEN

Women's war services do not seem to want people who have any knowledge of leadership, but choose the "boobs" every time.

Miss Barclay, of Aberdeen, said this at a meeting at St. Andrews, Scotland, of the governors of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

A resolution which was passed stated that having regard to "deplorable conditions of promotion" in women's war services, the Federation wished to emphasise the importance of proper cadre training being enforced for those women with qualities of leadership. It called on the Government to put this into practice immediately.

Mrs. Muir (Dundee) said that one of the things women would have to fight, if not during the war, certainly after it, was the movement to put them back into the home.

They could not agree with the proposal to put men officers in charge of women in auxiliary services, she said. Women would make as good officers as men, but the trouble was that the picking of women officers in the beginning was done by men. There should not be men medical officers for the women's services, she said.

SECRET PHOTOS: APPEAL REFUSED

An application by William Gaskell Downing, aged thirty-two, for leave to appeal against conviction and sentence of six years' penal servitude passed at Manchester Assizes, was refused by the Court of Appeal.

Downing was convicted on three charges of making photographs which might be useful to the enemy.

Mr. Justice Humphreys said Downing was employed as an examiner on the technical staff of the Air Ministry, and worked at a place of great importance. He had highly confidential documents in his possession, and kept them in a locked attache case.

He had left his wife, and was in love with a German girl, with whom he lived at a flat in Didsbury.

When the police went to see the girl at the flat about a change of address, photographs of a badge, a probationer's pass, and another pass which enabled Downing to get into the works where he was employed, were discovered.

The girl had a key to his attache case.

Downing's defence was that he wanted the photographs as a record of his work.

There was no evidence, said the Judge, that the verdict was unreasonable, and the sentence was a proper one.

WELFARE OF BOMBED EVACUEES

The Minister of Health, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, in a broadcast yesterday, praised householders in reception areas for the way in which they are ensuring the welfare of evacuees from bombed areas during the winter.

Mr. Macdonald said that in one civil defence region which has borne some of the brunt of the peaceful invasion of mothers and children, some 200 large houses have been lent by owners or requisitioned as hospitals, nurseries, maternity homes and so on. Over 100 village halls in this area are in use as mother's clubs, communal feeding centres, etc., and over 1,200 smaller houses have been taken over.

"The miracle by which the vast majority (of evacuees) are settling down, with tolerable comfort, in strange surroundings has been performed by the resourcefulness and kindness of tens of thousands of householders, voluntary workers and officials. These householders and helpers are playing an essential part in the historic defence of Britain." — British Wireless.

TREASURY CONTROL OF SECURITIES

THE TREASURY ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT IN CONTINUATION OF THE POLICY ALREADY IN OPERATION A FURTHER GROUP OF AMERICAN DOLLAR SECURITIES HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE TREASURY BY A VESTING ORDER UNDER THE DEFENCE REGULATIONS.

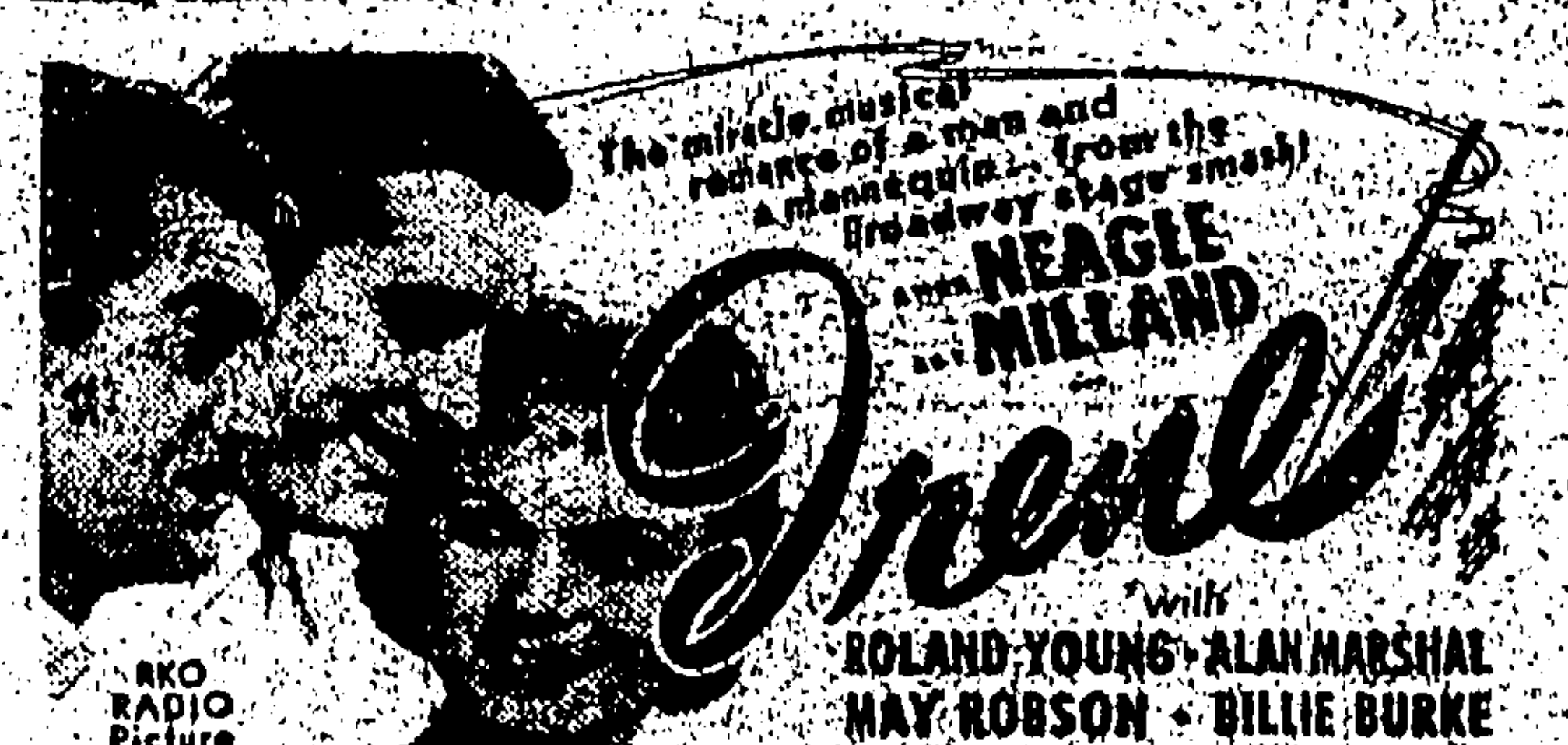
The new Order sets out sterling prices to be paid by the Treasury. In arriving at these prices allowance has been made for the fact that one month will elapse from the date of acquisition orders to the due date of payment.

Arrangements have been made whereby whole or part of the amount payable may be subscribed to two and half per cent. National War Bonds 1945/7 (Bank of England or Post Office issues) or three per cent. Defence Bonds (Post Office issue).

The list contains the names of 70 securities. — British Wireless.

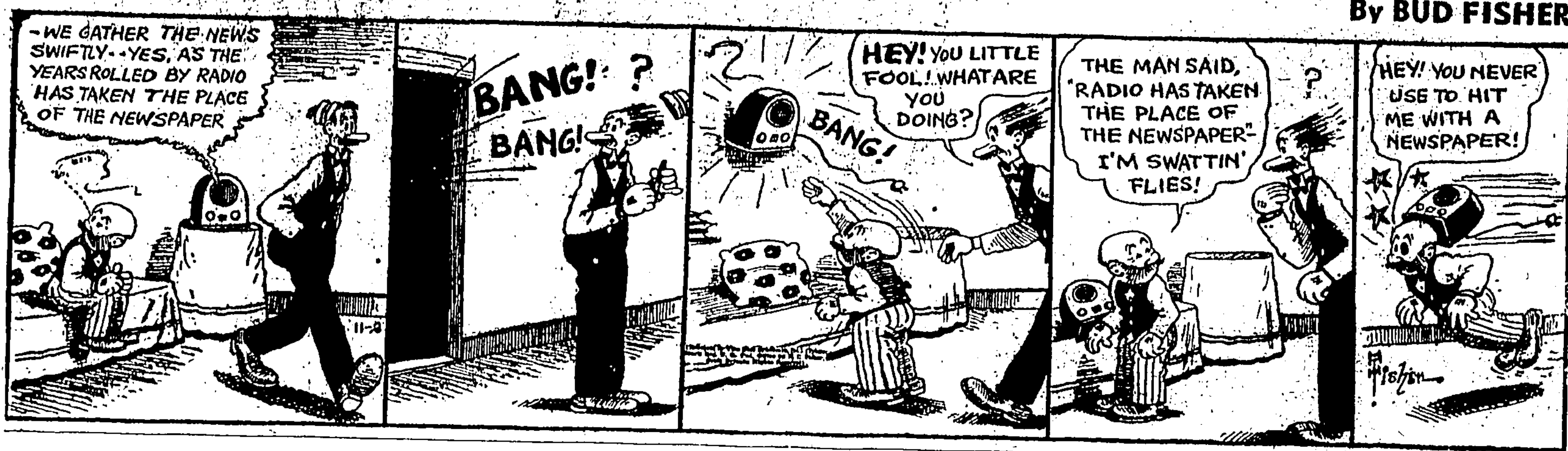
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Since thirteen-year-old Ronald Abbotts, of Wyche Avenue, King's Heath, Birmingham, organised his own war savings group a month ago and started a house-to-house campaign selling certificates he has proved himself a super-salesman.

Now Alderman Sir Ernest Canning, J.P., chairman of Birmingham Savings Committee, has written to praise his work and Ronald may broadcast to the country how he makes people buy certificates.

Seventy-five per cent. of the residents in Wyche Avenue are buying War Savings Certificates, and Ronald is now canvassing other roads.

While drawing his own posters, which he has designed and posted outside his house.

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MARRIED UNDER AN ARMED GUARD

An interned Austrian has been married with an armed escort at his side—had a two-hour honeymoon and went back to an internment camp.

He was Dr. George Zak, a twenty-six-year-old Austrian refugee, who was married at Hampstead Register Office to Miss Ilse Sachs, aged twenty-six, a German subject, of Adamson Road, Hampstead.

There was a small private wedding breakfast at a friend's home.

A friend told a reporter "Dr. Zak and his bride first met in Vienna, where she was a student in his hospital. They have been engaged for some time."

he told a reporter:—

Sunday Best Day

I have my own method of selling certificates I had to do something in the war but was too young to serve most of the bodies taking volunteers.

"My father is my guarantor, and I do all the collecting and keep all the money and my own books. Sunday morning is the time to find people in. That is when I do my big business."

"During the day all the wives say that their husbands look after the money, so I have to go back at night and talk the men into it."

"I may broadcast about by work. I have already had a voice test for the microphone."

BERT GOT HIS CAB THROUGH

(By A Correspondent)

Worthy of their fellows in other parts of the country where bombs have fallen, London's A.R.P. workers have shown their true value during the recent air raids.

After one of the most hair-raising trips in my life—an hour's ride in a taxicab in South London during the height of the bombing—I pay tribute to the unbelievable courage of London's A.R.P. services and to Albert Hackett, a typical Cockney taxi-cab driver.

Hackett under fire was as cool as a cucumber.

I chartered his cab in the West End. "Will you drive me to South London?" I asked him.

"Yus. 'Op in," he replied.

We made a detour to avoid the Elephant and Castle. Suddenly we ran into heavy and incendiary bombs.

Men of the A.R.P. sprang on to the running boards of my taxicab, which they commandeered, and directed us to where the incendiaries had fallen.

The men, in teams of three, with a stirrup pump, attacked a bomb. Some were made harmless in less than a minute.

Cab Roof Goes

Hackett and I were allowed to operate a pump and we put out our fires in good time.

Then came further showers of "Molotov breadbaskets."

Ten minutes later we had our narrowest escape. A plane skimmed the top of a barrage balloon and dropped a bomb so near that the roof of the cab was blown off and the cab rocked.

For the first time Hackett let off steam in real Billingsgate. But after examining his cab he went on driving as well as ever. I last saw him taking home a group of dazed bank clerks who had lain in a gutter with their arms over their heads when a high explosive bomb struck the road 25ft. away from them.

WAR IMPROVES OUR COOKING

Increasing air-raids have not lessened the keenness of housewives to improve their wartime cooking.

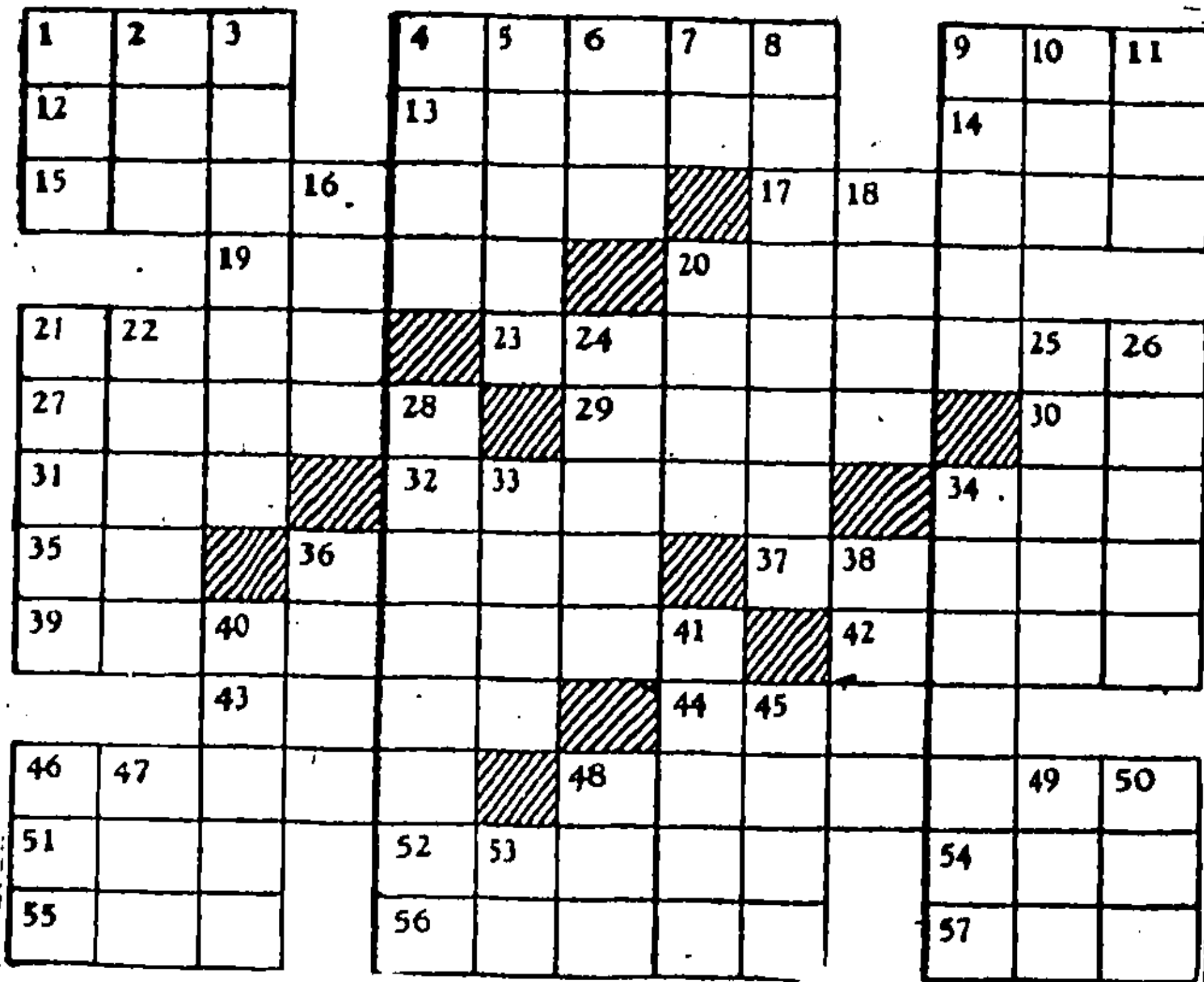
Already the campaign run by the Ministry of Food and the Board of Education has reached hundreds of thousands of women.

Returns for example from ten county districts, show that over 100,000 women attended demonstrations in the smaller towns and villages in these districts.

This figure takes no account of the vast numbers reached by open days at schools, food education weeks, housewives' clubs, broadcasts, films, advertisements and pamphlets.

The very poor have been reached. Selected homes are visited where neighbours collect to watch demonstrations and discuss problems.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Couch
- 4 Ancient country in S. Asia
- 9 Ember
- 12 Peruvian tuber
- 13 To excite to vigorous action
- 14 New Zealand kiwi
- 15 Exalted
- 17 To obscure
- 19 Island
- 20 Edible mollusk
- 21 Sacred Buddhist language
- 23 Unmarried person
- 27 Indigent
- 29 Path
- 30 Symbol for oleum
- 31 Conducted
- 32 Warehouse
- 34 Hebrew letter
- 35 Tonic dely
- 36 To, for bode
- 37 To dip into a liquid suddenly
- 39 Mischievous prank

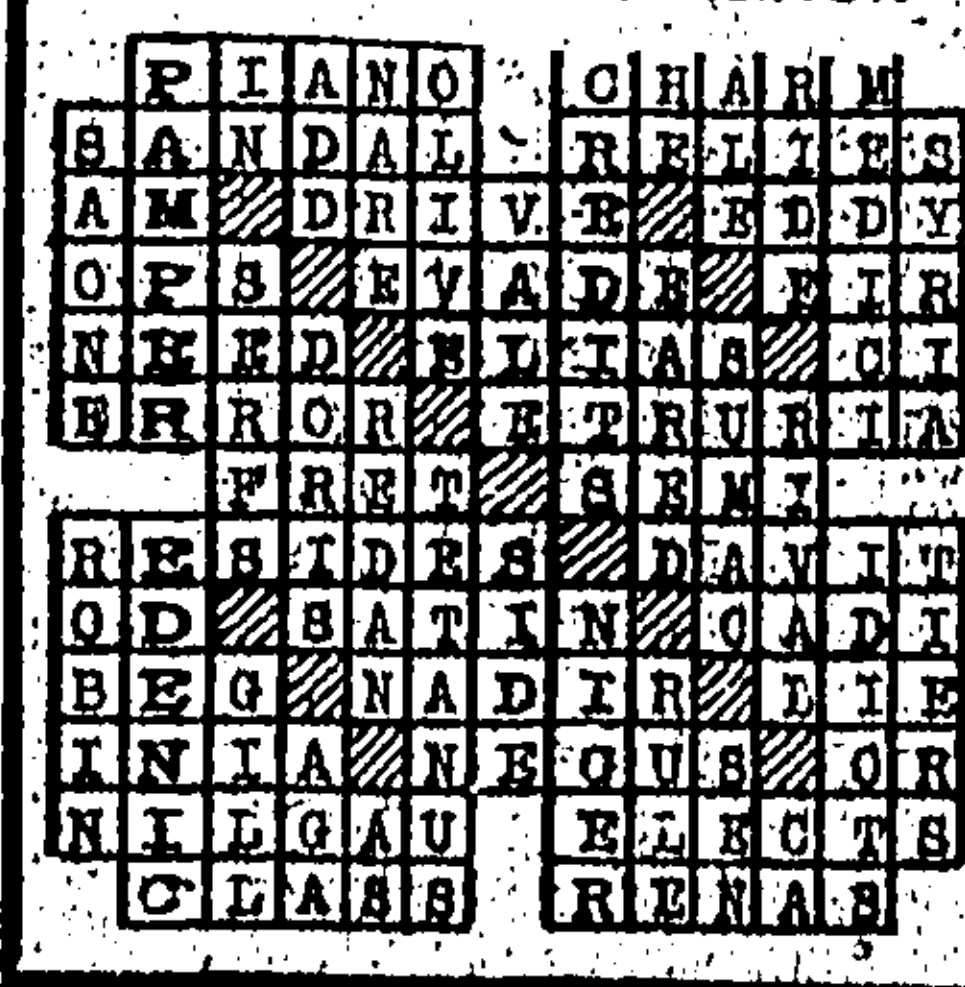
VERTICAL

- 2 Cattle genus
- 3 French coin
- 10 Splashed gently
- 4 Seed covering
- 5 Ludicrous
- 6 Tip
- 7 Since
- 8 Refuses

9 Scent

- 10 French coin
- 11 Owned
- 16 Reposed
- 18 Sorceress queen
- 20 To applaud
- 21 Volcano in Martinique
- 22 Says
- 24 African antelope
- 25 To drink in honour of
- 26 Dwarfs
- 28 Storms
- 33 To rend
- 34 Disturbance
- 35 Kilt for drying hops
- 38 Rowing implements
- 40 Tending to spiral
- 41 Growing out
- 42 Crude metals
- 46 Colloquial: dunce
- 47 To lubricate
- 48 Cavity
- 49 Scotch for "no"
- 50 Naahoor sheep
- 53 Sun god

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LONDON FIRMS START FIRES IN BASEMENT

COMPLETE FIRE-FIGHTING organisations, manned voluntarily by their own staffs, are being trained to safeguard the premises of the bigger firms in the City. This move follows quickly on the order of Sir John Anderson that all premises in which more than thirty persons are employed must have a fire watcher on duty at all times.

Unilever House, Blackfriars, has been perfecting its scheme ever since war began. Mr. J. F. McCartney, the firm's chief A.R.P. officer, told a reporter.

D.F.C. FOR POLISH PILOTS

Four pilots of a Polish fighter squadron of the R.A.F., which played such an important part in the defence of London in September, were yesterday decorated with the D.F.C. by the Air Officer Commanding the Fighter Command, Air Marshal W. Sholto Douglas.

A fifth D.F.C. was awarded posthumously to the pilot who had been killed in action. Altogether these five pilots have destroyed 44 German aircraft and severely damaged others.

This is the first occasion a Polish squadron has received British decorations for gallantry. The pilots have also been awarded the "Virtuti Militari" — highest Polish award for valour.

Air Marshal Douglas, addressing the squadron, said: "The R.A.F. is proud to have its Polish comrades, whose deeds are known throughout the whole force. I hope your squadron will do well in the months to come. I look forward to the victory of our cause and to a free independent Poland."

"During September the squadron shot down more than 100 German aircraft," — British Wireless.

NOCTURNAL PARIS INTERMENT

The remains of the Duke of Reichstadt, son of Napoleon I and the Empress Marie-Louise, which have been transferred to Paris from Vienna, were placed next to Napoleon's tomb in the Invalides in an elaborate midnight ceremony, according to the German-controlled Paris radio yesterday.

The coffin arrived at the Gare d'Est escorted by German soldiers beating torches late on Saturday evening, and was taken to the Invalides on a gun-carriage.

Anti-aircraft guns fired a salute while German guards carried the coffin to the entrance where, at 1 a.m., the German Ambassador formally made it over to Admiral Darlan, representing Marshal Lyautey.

French Municipal Guards then carried the coffin into the chapel and draped it with the tricolour at the foot of Napoleon's tomb. — Reuter.

He is responsible for the safety of 2000 people.

As a first line he has 80 members of the staff, fully trained in fire fighting.

As a second line, a hundred women and girls from the first-aid parties have been taught to deal with incendiary bombs.

The fully trained men are clerks and a few junior members of the management.

Nine-Floor Night Patrol

By day they attend to their ledgers, make out their accounts and so on in their boiler-suits. Thus they are ready for action at any moment.

At night, and through the weekend, 18 of them are divided into four squads of four men each.

They patrol the nine floors of the building all the time.

Mr. McCartney, or his deputy chief, is always on duty.

The squads are changed, but there are always 17 men on the watch.

They are equipped with stirrup pumps, small hose, standard hose, foam extinguishers, hatchets, lamps, ropes, anti-gas clothing, steel helmets and service respirators.

Ready For Oil Bombs

"The foam extinguishers are for dealing with any oil drums the enemy may send down," Mr. McCartney said.

"We bought them the moment we heard of the first oil drum falling on London and we believe that if one descended on Unilever House we could deal with it."

"Our water supply is contained in tanks holding 90,000 gallons. We have hydrants on each floor."

"To keep our fire fighters in practice we make them put out, from time to time, small fires made in the basement."

"They get them out in a matter of seconds."

So that the fire fighters should have a good breakfast, four of the girls volunteered to sleep on the premises, to be there to cook it for them.

Two of the girl telephone operators also volunteered to stay all night in case of emergency calls.

QUICK-CHANGE CAMOUFLAGE COAT FOR AEROPLANES

A new lacquer enamel which will enable a quick change in camouflage for military aircraft has been developed by a firm of American paint makers.

The enamel can be washed off quickly with a special solvent. Camouflage colours may thus be changed daily to conform to the terrain over which the plane is to fly.

Associated Press.

"SAFE" PETROL OF QUALITY

Claims are made in America that the research laboratories of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics have produced a safety aviation fuel which is as efficient as the high-grade fuels now in use.

It is further claimed that, provided the demand is big enough, this fuel can be commercially produced at about the same price as ordinary fuel.

In the American experiment the fuel was injected direct under pressure into the cylinder, where it was fired in the usual way. The carburettor was dispensed with. Characteristic of these new fuels is their high flashpoint. Where the vapour of most aviation petrols ignites or flashes at temperatures as low as 30deg below zero, the new safety fuels are so made that they will not ignite or flash until temperatures reach 100, 134, or even 164deg F.

British scientists have been familiar with fireproof aviation fuel for many years. Not so long ago one big air line advertised that the fuel used on their machines was fireproof in the sense that in a crash widespread fire would not occur.

R.A.F.'s Eggs Spoiling Hamm

THE NAME OF HAMM, and the "eggs" the R.A.F. drop on it so frequently, causes a certain amount of humour in Britain, but it is far from being a joke to the German High Command.

Hamm has the distinction of possessing the most frequently-bombed target in Germany — the largest and best-equipped railway marshalling yard in Europe.

A dozen Clapham Junctions could be lost among its vast network of tracks, sidings, engine-houses and repair sheds, which are capable of dealing with and dispatching more than ten thousand wagons every twenty-four hours.

Its importance as a target lies not only in its unrivalled working capability but also in its geographical position at the eastern entrance to and exit from Germany's greatest industrial and manufacturing centre, the Ruhr.

The Nerve Centre

In Germany, all goods train services are based on and regulated by the work of the marshalling yard, on which wagons, loaded and empty, converge from all parts of the system to be made up into trains and despatched to their various destinations.

Hamm is thus the nerve centre of German rail transport.

Dislocation, which occurs every time British raiders attack the yards, spreads like paralysis throughout the country and beyond. Congestion at this already overtaxed yard makes itself felt among German armies at the Channel ports, and in 500 to 1,000 factories and works in Germany.

Apart from the great congestion caused by alarms, immense damage has also been caused to tracks, switches and sidings, as well as to supplies waiting in the yards.

It would need an army of track-layers and salvage workers to clear the lines and repair the permanent way after each attack, but next night the raiders come over again and congestion builds up anew.

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

STAYING OUT

There are irrepressible optimists and wishful thinkers in Britain and elsewhere who are confident that Soviet Russia will sooner or later come into the war as an enemy of Germany and Italy. On the other hand, there are pessimists who persist in the belief that Stalin is doing all he can to help Hitler and Mussolini to escape defeat. Both schools of thought cling to their theories in spite of every pronouncement in Moscow reaffirming Russia's determination to remain neutral. In a statement by the President of the Supreme Soviet on the 23rd anniversary of the October Revolution, he emphatically declared that Russia would stay out of the war. But she could not be an indifferent bystander. Soviet subjects were urged to strengthen the economic and military might of their country and strive to fortify it for "the struggle for Communism." Since then it is obvious that Soviet policy caused Hitler to drop his Bulgarian adventure like a hot brick.

Nevertheless, it can be said with some degree of accuracy that only one thing is certain in regard to Russia's future policy; and that is its underlying principle of security. If Britain and the Axis powers could fight each other to a standstill and be utterly exhausted by the struggle, the outcome would suit Soviet Russia admirably. The problem of her security, already partly tackled by means of easy annexations, would then be automatically solved. The distress and chaos created by a long war would also provide receptive soil for Communist propaganda. And Stalin would be well pleased. This is the most reasonable interpretation of the Russian enigma. If it is a correct reading of Moscow's future policy, it emphasises the need for achieving an early victory against Hitlerism and having a definite plan for social and economic reconstruction after the war.

Dr. George Glasgow, contributor on foreign affairs to the "Contemporary Review," discusses the war from the point of view of religion and Christianity. He writes:—

THE British Foreign Secretary and the Commander-in-Chief of the British armed forces have broadcast pronouncements which roughly and fairly may be described as sermons, such as would not disgrace a Christian pulpit. Let those who point a finger of scorn at what they may regard as this new manifestation of British hypocrisy, suspend their judgment, and themselves beware lest they rashly presume to pronounce on matters they do not fully understand.

It has become a quick and clear possibility that a cause, which started as a sordid defence of material spoils against marauding rivals whose moral title to them, if they could get them, was in the crudely essential sense no less exalted than our own, has been transformed into a true crusade, imposed on us against our will and even at first without our conscious knowledge.

Those hard intellectuals whose vision is bounded by what their material brain opens to them, do not in fact see far. In cricket the unexpectedness may be fortuitous. In the life of man the unexpectedness is equally apparent as a contingency, but by contrast is the manifest means to an ordered plan: ordered not by man alone.

The pure intellectual is nearly always wrong in his judgment of

future probability, no matter how deeply fortified his judgment may be by knowledge of worldly facts. There are tramps, who read no books, whose interpretation of what is at present taking place rings truer than that of many pundits: as those who talk to tramps may discover for themselves.



A Clear Transgression

The domination of one race, one society of human beings, by another, is a clear transgression of reason and of Christian principle. Very well, it has become no longer possible. The poor mind of man is helpless beside the overriding spiritual truths, which through human agency, but against human intention, keep the human race in the long run on the right lines; correct its faults; restore its predestined direction.

As the corrective and restorative process is consummated, we are presented with the glorious spectacle of the Foreign Secretary and the Commander-in-Chief of the armies (for instance) of Great Britain, though they be the very symbols of the former policies of imperialist conquest, now uttering unaccustomed truths which symbolise instead the new world into which we are passing. The religious note that now rings through the utterances of politicians in the democratic countries is the greatest portent of the times.

Lord Halifax broadcasting to the nation, enunciated a principle of the Christian faith. He said, for instance: "Where will God lead us? Not, we may be sure, through easy or pleasant paths. That is not His way. He will not help us to avoid our difficulties. What He will do is to give to those who humbly ask the spirit that no dangers can disturb. The Christian message to the world brings peace in war; peace where we most need it; peace of soul. It is that same Christian message which makes its Giver, Who is God, the best Friend with whom a man can share life or death."

"Those of us who cannot serve in the armed forces must all do our best in other ways to help them. I'm sure we shall. And there is one thing we can all do. Soldiers, sailors, airmen, and civilians, men, women and children all together, which may be much more powerful than we know. And this is to pray. . . . But prayer is not only asking God for what we want, but rather the way to learn to trust Him, to ask that we may know His Will, and do it with all our strength. If we can really do our work, whatever it is, as well as we can in God's sight it will become His work, and we can safely leave the issue in His hands."



Deserted The Churches

Lord Gort, giving an address in the B.B.C. evening service said:

Where Does Portugal Stand To-Day?

With the war in the Mediterranean area reaching a new phase, added importance is attached to Portugal.

The foreign policy of this nation of 7,000,000 whose colonial empire of 800,000 square miles—23 times as big as the mother country—is being coveted by Germany, Italy and Spain, has indicated that Portugal seeks the middle of the road.

Only recently a "mutual consultation and assistance pact" was signed with General Franco's government. Some 18,000 Portuguese have fought for General Franco and Portugal's Prime Minister, Dr. Oliveira Salazar, favoured the Spanish revolution as long as the fighting was directed against the Communists. But he became uneasy when the alliance with the Axis seemed to be closer than he liked it.

The recent pact again was less proof of deep friendship between the State of General Franco and the State of Dr. Salazar than a hint to both Germany and Great Britain that "protection" might not be welcome. A balance of Portugal's foreign policy is apparent in its alliance with England.



No British Request

In a speech before the National Assembly, Dr. Salazar said on October 9, 1939, that Britain had not asked any help from Portugal, although the latter would have been obliged to enter the war on England's side by virtue of the existing alliance between the two countries.

He expressed the hope, however, that peace might be preserved, "unless the dignity or interests of the nation, or other obligations, force us to go to war. He did not fail to reiterate "our sincere feeling of friendship for England," adding that "it would not be fair if we failed to stress the adherence to our alliance."

In the same speech Dr. Salazar made public that Germany had guaranteed Portugal's independence and the integrity of the Portuguese colonial empire.

But this balanced policy between Britain and Germany, no matter how well it is working at the present time, has to ally Portugal's uneasiness over the fact that this country, with its enormous overseas possessions and other assets, would constitute a rich prize for any aggressor nation. For this reason Portugal, despite many internal gains which have marked it as one of Europe's most progressive states, is uneasy.

lest these very gains be shattered by external developments.



Financial Progress

One of the most important of these gains which Portugal has made in the past 12 years is finance.

In a world where debts are mounting and most of the European nations are living far above their means, Portugal has become an exception by returning to a sound economic system. This is seen best by the fact that within 70 years, from 1852 to 1922, the nation had but two balanced budgets. All the others accumulated. The expenditure, for instance, in 1926-27, exceeded the country's revenues by about 40 per cent. During the administration of Dr. Salazar, however, Portugal has managed to keep expenditures just a little bit under the revenues. A few weeks ago this process was crowned when the whole foreign debt of about 27,000,000 English pounds was converted into an internal debt.

The principal method by which Dr. Salazar has accomplished this feat in balancing the budget has been through heavy taxation, and by bringing the nation's banking system more or less under direct government control.



Professor's Methods

The fact that Dr. Salazar has accomplished this is no less noteworthy when it is considered that he was not originally a politician but a university professor. He came from a very poor family. His father was an innkeeper, and it was only through hard work that the younger Salazar managed to make his way through to a professorship in national economy at Coimbra University.

He had his own ideas about the Government's failings, and he voiced his opinions in newspaper articles and pamphlets which built up a circle of young people around him. When the Nation was in need, socially, economically and politically, the President of the Republic offered Dr. Salazar the post of Minister of Finance. The Professor refused on the grounds that he did not want to do an unsound job, collaborating with the old politicians who had dragged the country from one revolt of people and army to another.

He asked for full power. They refused to give it to him and he went home to his university stu-

dents. Soon afterwards, however, he was called upon again and his terms were met this time. He entered the cabinet as Minister of Finance in 1928 and in 1932 became not only Prime Minister, but Minister of Finance, of War, and of Foreign Affairs, combining the four most important offices in the government. As time went on, he became a virtual dictator.



New Constitution

The new Constitution the country received on March 19, 1933, gave him authority to manage the Nation's business. But practically the only point on which he has exercised anything approaching fanaticism is in regard to saving and putting the Nation's budget on a sound basis. A popular joke in Portugal suggested that Dr. Salazar had even taken over four Ministries in order to have the salary of three members of the Government.

He differs from other authoritarian rulers in other respects, too. All parties have been dissolved in Portugal and there exists but the National Union, a kind of patriotic organisation, open to any good citizen. In the matter of the persecution of minorities, Portugal's record is less sinister than that of some dictatorships. Communists have been severely dealt with, however.

A foreigner, coming to Lisbon, as this writer did two years ago, would get the impression that he is watched 24 hours a day. There seems to be one policeman for every citizen. One is told that they are "just a precaution," they have to see to it that nobody deviates from the Constitution. They are a peripatetic symbol of this compromise between democracy and Fascism.

The same middle road has been kept in every way. The Government has an eye on everything. It promotes exports, but sale of goods to foreign countries depends on a permission given only if home consumption needs have been met first. Dr. Salazar has little to say for the barter system and autarchy. Currency has been kept free of any restrictions and it was closely related to the pound sterling (110.10 escudos to one pound), until in last November the British currency lost value and the escudo was fixed to the United States dollar. Trade with the United States has gone up, too. Imports from this country almost doubled in 1939, exports remained steady. ("Christian Science Monitor").



A Surgeon's Operation

Obviously Hitler is being used, somewhat after the manner of a surgeon's knife, in an operation that is fashioning a better world and a better England; for his challenge was necessary before England (for instance) could be shaken out of her complacent and smug self-righteousness into a new and living consciousness of the elemental things such as were expressed by Lord Halifax and Lord Gort on the occasions above referred to.

On June 5 Herr Hitler, on the eve of the battle for France and on the morrow of the defeat of the Low Countries, issued a proclamation to the German people, ordering the church bells to be rung for three days, and adding: "May their ringing accompany the prayers which the German people will continue to offer for their sons, because this morning the German divisions and air units have been assigned new tasks in the fight for the freedom and the future of our people."

Herr Hitler's conception of God's role in life is confined within the frontiers of Greater Germany. On July 19, making another of his fantastic paeans about German victories and God's part in them, he said: "It almost causes me pain to think that I should have been selected by fate to deal the final blow to the structure (namely, the British Empire) which these men (namely the British politicians) have already set tottering." Delivering final blows against those who resist his aggressions is Herr Hitler's supreme conception of God's work, as delegated to Herr Hitler, causing him pain by the sense of his responsibility.

His pain no doubt was eased by the "Siegheil" that immediately followed for "the guarantor of German victory" (the said guarantor now being Herr Hitler exclusively). Though he himself be blandly unaware of it, and even incapable of appreciating it, a man like Herr Hitler can indeed be used for God's purposes: as the better world will one day realise. The rose needs the manure.

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Looking back, they saw regular fire brigade and other A.F.S. men trying to unearth the bomb with their bare hands.

This is one of the many acts of heroism shown by London and provincial fire brigades and A.F.S. men during the great dockland fire.

Deafened by the roar of their pumps, which poured millions of gallons of water on the fires, the pump operators could not hear the whistling of the bombs which crashed all around them. They had not time to throw themselves to the ground.

So the firemen arranged for some men to listen for the sound of falling bombs.

When these men fell flat every fireman did the same, knowing that another bomb was on the way.

But never once did these men let go of their hoses which lay intertwined like snakes over thousands of square yards.

Let an A.F.S. man who helped to put out the great blaze tell his story.

"I had never been to a fire in my life before," he told a reporter. "As we drove through the dock gates the sight of the blaze made me physically sick. Then, above the din of the roaring flames the sirens sounded. We knew then that we had a job to do.

"We were going to make the regular firemen proud of us. We

know that the people of the East End were depending on us.

Water "Shelter"

"As we ran out the hoses I heard a scream of a bomb. It crashed fifty yards away. We stood almost petrified waiting for the explosion. That few seconds seemed like an eternity.

"Later we were switched over to another fire. We were told we could not go along a road as there was a delayed-action bomb in our path. But our officer asked us if we would go, and not a man refused.

"We saw some of our colleagues carried away dead and injured, but we carried on. For twelve hours we worked without even a cup of tea or a bite to eat.

"We were working in about two feet of water, and when we threw ourselves down to dodge the bomb blasts our heads were almost under water.

"I marvelled at the courage of my fellow men. My biggest fear had been that I should be a coward. But I surprised myself."

"IT'S THE BOSS!"

When the King and Queen, after their all-night journey from London, were walking along the station platform, a soldier carrying his kitbag came suddenly face to face with the King.

"Why," he exclaimed, turning to some of his fellow-travelers, "It's the boss!"

Putting down his kit-bag the soldier joined in the cheering.

FRENCH CHIEFS' LIFE IN PRISON

M. Mandel's Mood 'Unbearable'

Accounts have reached Madrid of the daily lives of the French political prisoners at the Chateau Chazeron, near Clermont Ferrand. The prisoners are the three former Premiers, M. Reynaud, M. Daladier and M. Blum; the former Commander-in-Chief, Gen. Gamelin; and the former Minister of the Interior, M. Mandel.

M. Reynaud and M. Daladier indulge in cycling in the wooded grounds of the castle, but M. Blum, the latest arrival, has not yet found a hobby with which to while away the time.

M. Reynaud is described as being very depressed, but M. Daladier is very talkative and, it is said, will make "sensational revelations" when the trial is finally held at Riom.

Gen. Gamelin is devoting practically all his time to writing a book on strategy. He is described as the quietest of the group, though he is reported to have told his warders that he was not responsible for the events which brought about his downfall and that he was deceived in his generals.

Mandel Unruly

M. Mandel, who is suffering with his teeth and has already had three dentists at the castle, is described as the most unruly of the prisoners. He is said to adopt an arrogant attitude and to complain about his meals.

"His mood, which is attributed to his teeth," says one source, "is always unbearable."

The castle is surrounded with a deep ditch, and escape would seem impossible. The five prisoners occupy separate rooms.

According to the Paris correspondent of the paper A.B.C., they have not yet even been indicted, though M. Daladier has been questioned by the tribunal.

SENTRY SHOT UNKNOWN MAN

An unidentified man was shot dead by a military guard on duty in the Perthshire Highlands. The man, believed to have been a casual labourer and aged about thirty-five, failed to answer two challenges in a country road.

MANACLED MEN IN 'INVASION'

Norway Practice

Norway has been the practising ground for a section of the German invasion army.

Under the protection of big guns set along the entire western and south-western seaboard half a million Nazi soldiers have been regularly practising embarkation and disembarkation on boats, barges, and motor ships.

According to accounts of people from Norway who have arrived at a North Scotland port the Germans are, however, becoming increasingly miserable in the land of rock and fiord.

The Nazi soldier it seems, does not like sea water. He is becoming daily more timid of the invasion exercises.

It is reported that the ring-leaders of those opposing the exercises were led aboard the invasion craft "in manacles" or handcuffs as an "example" to their fellows.

Food Stolen

Norwegian foodstuffs are being carried off wholesale to Germany. Sixty thousands tons of coffee, chocolate, butter, sugar, and fats are included in the "swag."

The Germans are paying for the food—and paying well, on paper. But the Norwegians know that currency inflation will be the result.

The Norwegians, robbed of their food, have suffered further indignities from the Gestapo. Everywhere there are plain clothes German police prying and peeping into the affairs of the people. Victims are being marked.

Tall tales: A German soldier recently returned to Norway from Hamburg said "I was in Hamburg during the R.A.F. raid. I went to a shelter. When I came out again, I could scarcely recognise the place. The district where I was had been almost blown to pieces. Five thousand Germans have been killed in Hamburg raids."



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PEOPLE LEFT their shelters to help evacuate a South-East London hospital hit by a bomb during a night air raid. The evacuation was completed in twenty-five minutes.

The volunteers — many of them women — helped to carry the patients from a ward near the bomb crater. "It was pretty hot at the time," a hospital official said. "Bombs and anti-aircraft gunfire could be heard all round."

"The work of the staff had been so well rehearsed," he added, "that it was not necessary to give orders. Everything went like clockwork."

Down Fire Escape

The bomb dropped in the main staircase, which was shattered, and patients in wards nearby — none of whom was injured — were carried down the fire escapes.

There was only one casualty, a doctor, who was trapped in a small room at the top of the building. A fireman brought him down a ladder, and an operation was performed. His condition is satisfactory.

About half the patients in the hospital were air-raid victims. The hospital carried on bravely under difficulties. A fire, which was quickly put out, had been caused by the bomb, and the main supplies of gas and water were cut off. There was a limited emergency supply of water, and coal fires were lit for heat.

This hospital was one of three which were bombed in London during the night.

Brave Boys

A bomb also damaged the in-patients' department of a West London hospital.

In the hospital annexe were forty patients and the staff. Most of the patients were in wards on the ground floor.

A nurse said that the bomb shattered the front of the building, but no one was hurt. "Two nine-year-old boys among the patients behaved wonderfully," she said.

Patients fit enough to be moved were sent home, and the more serious cases were removed to other hospitals.

At the third hospital an oil bomb fell on a building used as a kitchen and mess-room. The hospital A.R.P. squad dealt with it quickly and no great damage was caused. A maternity home nearby was untouched.

The raiders swooped on one London borough four times in five hours. Two people were killed in a housing estate.

Two houses in a South-West London area were demolished by a bomb. Several injured people have been extricated from the debris, but it is feared that there were some fatalities.

Five Buried

A heavy bomb which fell on a business building in Central London did considerable damage to the two top floors. There were no casualties.

Families were made homeless and many shops were badly damaged, when two high explosive bombs fell in a North London road. There were some casualties, but none fatal.

Every pane of glass within a quarter of a mile was shattered.

One house collapsed, burying the five occupants in the debris. Rescue squads got them out, and, with the exception of bruises and scratches they were unharmed.

A sixth member of the family, a five-year-old boy, was blown out of the house by the force of the explosion, but he, too, was unhurt.

One of the bombs fell within 200 yards of a cinema, where 500 people had taken refuge in part of the building, converted into a shelter.

A West London vicar, on duty as an air raid warden, heard a crashing of brickwork after a bomb explosion, and found the top of his church steeple had been demolished, and stained glass windows broken.

The vicar did not stay to think about his church, but helped to tackle a small fire with a stirrup pump, and called for the fire brigade to attend to another fire in a gas main.

BOMB ON SHELTER KILLS 14

People who had come from as far away as Tottenham, N., and the East End to what they considered the safety of an underground shelter in a western suburb of London, were killed and injured when the shelter received a direct hit by a bomb.

Twenty-four people were trapped in one of the five corridors of the shelter. Fourteen persons, including several children, were killed.

Fifteen hours after the bomb fell rescue squads were still digging. It was thought that one or two bodies might still be under the wreckage.

The shelter is in a big park, and a few yards from a main road. Four bombs straddled the road, one bomb fell half a mile from the park, one hit a corner of the shelter, and the other two fell in the park some distance from the shelter.

"My Daddy—"

When the bomb hit the shelter the concrete floor was buried to the top, and people were buried under the floor.

Fifty men of the local Home Guard helped A.R.P. squads to dig out the dead and injured in the darkness.

Raiding planes circled overhead.

Searchlights occasionally lit up the sky and splinters fell around the rescuers. Frequently the rescuers threw themselves to the ground as more bombs fell in the district.

An A.R.P. officer told a reporter of several pathetic scenes. One boy about nine, after receiving treatment for shock, said:

"My daddy saved me two weeks ago by lying on top of me. Now he is dead. My mummy was dead, too, but she is alive again."

The boy was one of several from bombed homes of the East End. His father was killed in the park shelter the previous day. His mother, rescued unconscious, was able to speak to the boy before she was taken to hospital.

Lovers Die

A young couple who were to be married next month were found dead in each other's arms.

One little boy, dazed but unhurt, kept on repeating: "Where are my mummy and daddy? And where's my brother?"

A girl of about six, picked up unhurt, smiled to an A.R.P. warden and said: "Has the 'All clear' gone yet mister?"

There were about 150 people in the shelter. Long after the bomb dropped many of them sat waiting the order to move.

RED MARSHALS' 31 DIAMONDS

Marshals of the Red Army are to wear a five-pointed star consisting of thirty-one diamonds in a gold and platinum mounting. —
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RAIDERS MAY BE BEATEN SOON

It is believed that secret inventions are bringing us near to the time when the Germans will lose so high a percentage of their night bombers that they may cease raiding.

Certain details of the new ground defences, including improved searchlights, gunnery prediction, and fuse setting, may soon be disclosed.

Prof. E. N. da C. Andrade, Scientific Adviser to the Ministry, gave details of some of the ingenious and sometimes comical notions of inventors who want to win the war.

The Death-Ray

"Death-ray and perpetual motion inventions are the most numerous," said Professor Andrade. "Each comes with his backer, like an old-fashioned prize-fighter."

"Most British inventors offer their ideas free but some foreigners have asked anything from £100,000 to £1,000,000 for their notions on winning the war."

Other suggestions were:

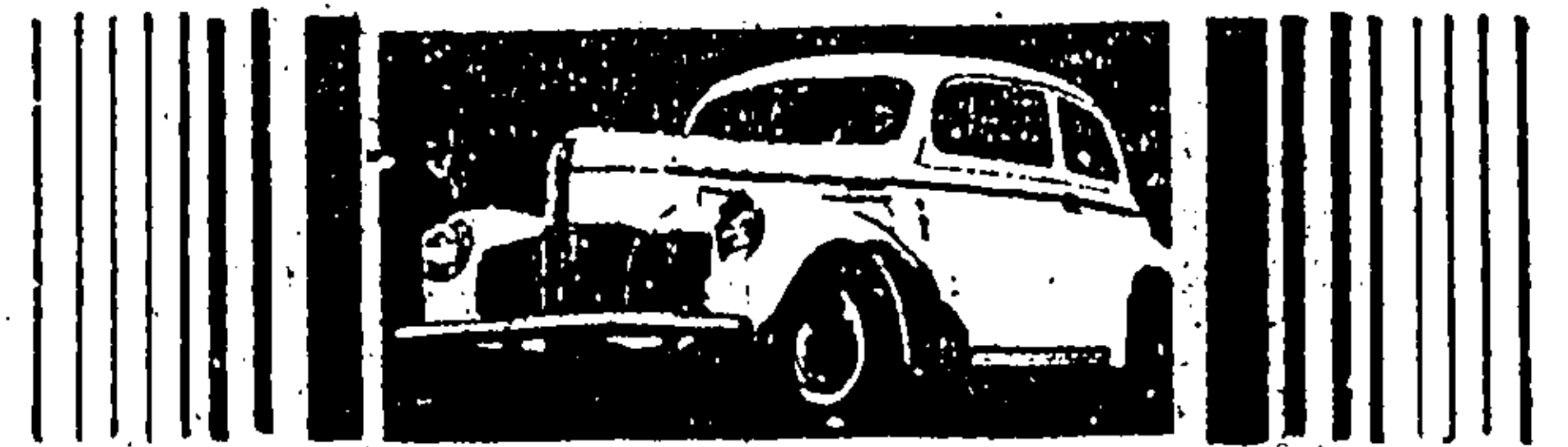
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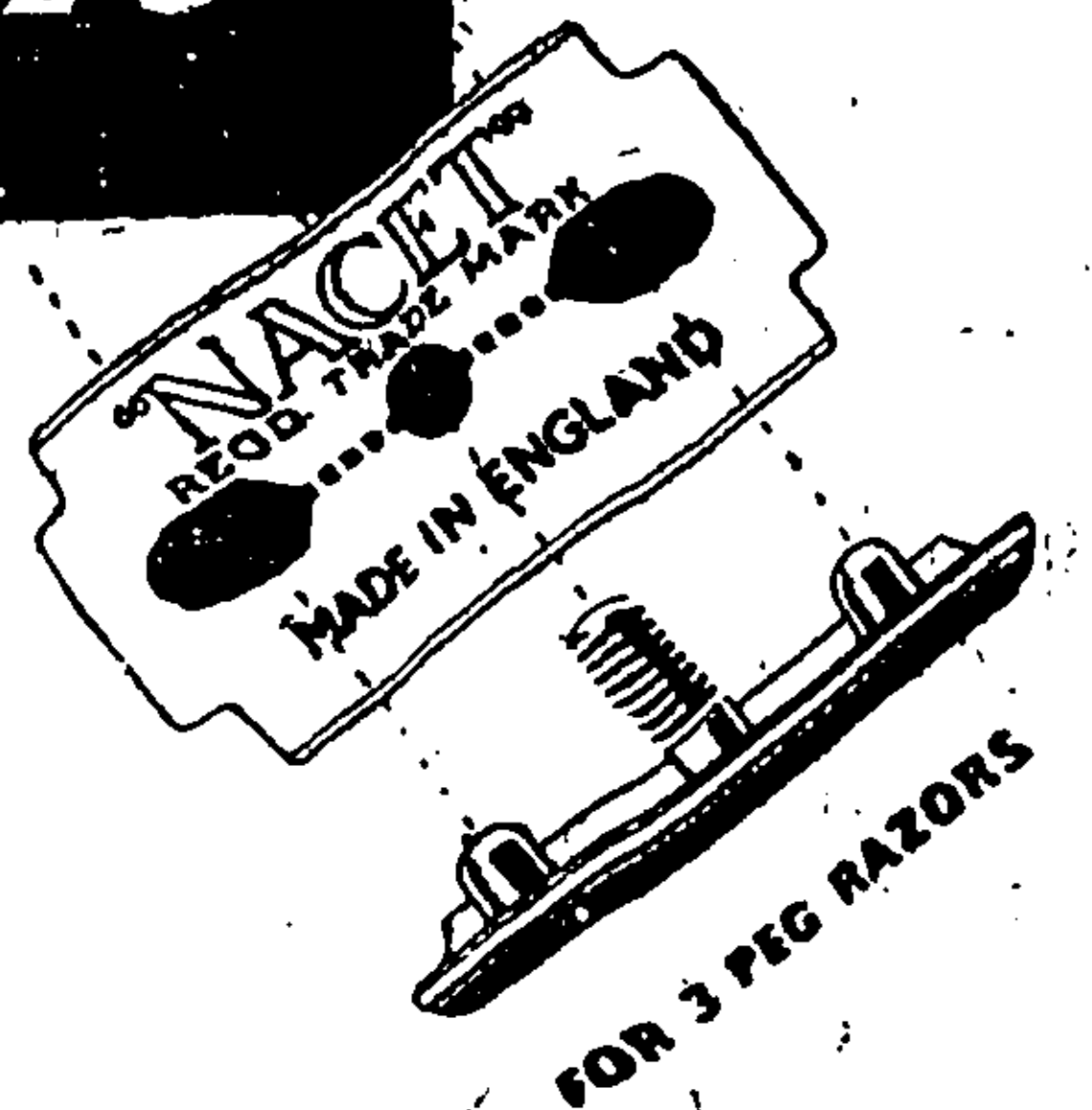
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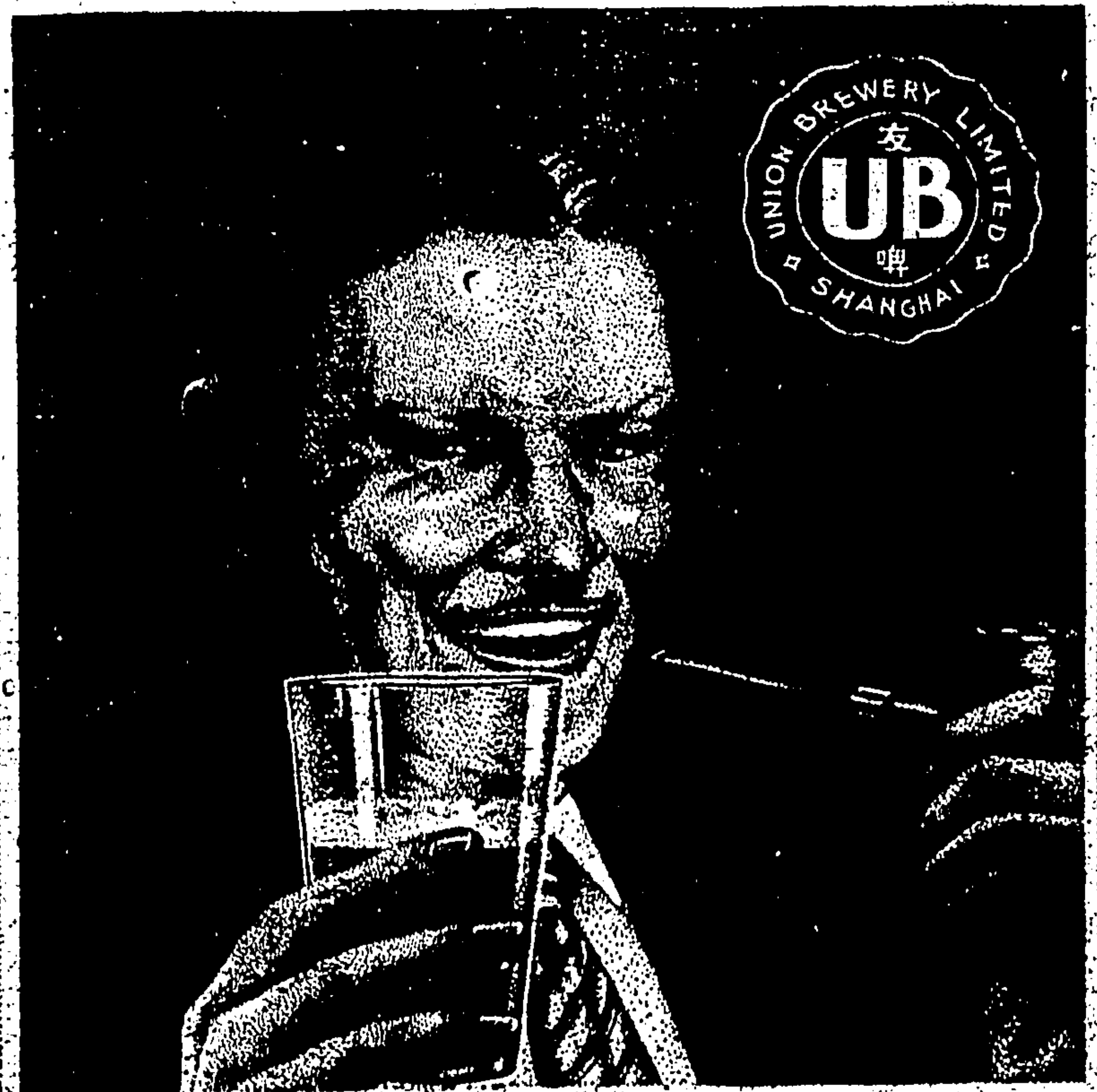
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BRIDGE NOTES

PUTTING ON THE BRAKES By The Four Aces

North found himself in a bidding predicament which occurs pretty often, and his way of putting on the brakes is quite instructive:

North, Dealer
North-South vulnerable
Duplicate Bridge

♠ 9 4 3
♥ J 6
♦ A Q 5
♣ K Q J 9 5
♠ J 7
♥ K 10 7 3
♦ J 6 2
♣ 10 7 6 3
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♠ A K Q
♥ 10 6
♦ 9 5 2
♣ 10 4
♠ 8 5 2
♥ A Q 8 4
♦ K 9 8 7 3
♣ A

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	1♠	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4♦	Pass

North's hand, while no rock-crusher, was worth an opening bid. He expected to show his minimum strength by a rebid of one no-trump or two clubs — if South responded with one of a suit. But, as it happened, East made an overcall and South had to bid two of his best suits. And then North was in trouble.

He couldn't pass, since South's free bid was forcing. He couldn't bid two no-trump; for besides having no spade stopper, his hand was not nearly good enough for that strong rebid. He could, it's true, bid three clubs — the least encouraging bid available — but that would suppress the good fit in diamonds and risk a bad fit in clubs. So North was compelled to bid three diamonds — a rather strong-sounding bid, inviting three no-trump.

It was at his next turn that North found a chance to slow down. Instead of going to four diamonds, North bid four clubs. That permitted South to bid four diamonds; and at last North had a chance to pass. At many tables, with identical bidding up to that point, North bid four diamonds and South then went to five, hoping to find a doubleton spade in the North hand. Those players got a bad score, of course, since they lost three spade tricks before they could even get started.

Saturday, what did you bid as dealer with the following hand:

♠ A K J 5
♥ Q 10 8 6 4
♦ A 9
♣ K 10

ANSWER: Bid one heart. With two suits of unequal length, you bid the longer suit first provided that you are ready with a convenient rebid.
Score 100% for one heart, 20% for one no-trump.

Question No. 590

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A K J 5
♥ Q 10 8 6 4
♦ A 9
♣ K 10

The bidding:

You	Schenken	Jacoby	Male
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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BOY LOOTERS BIRCHED

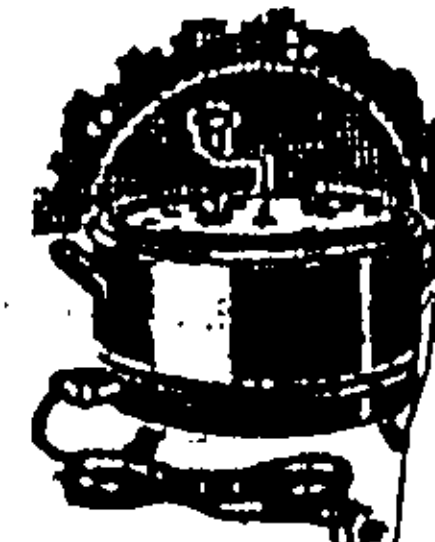
Boys aged eleven, twelve and fourteen, who stole crockery, cigars and a cigarette holder from houses damaged by a bomb, were each ordered to be birched by the chairman of a south-west town juvenile court.

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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"It says if we don't pay our rent they'll move us out on the sidewalk!"

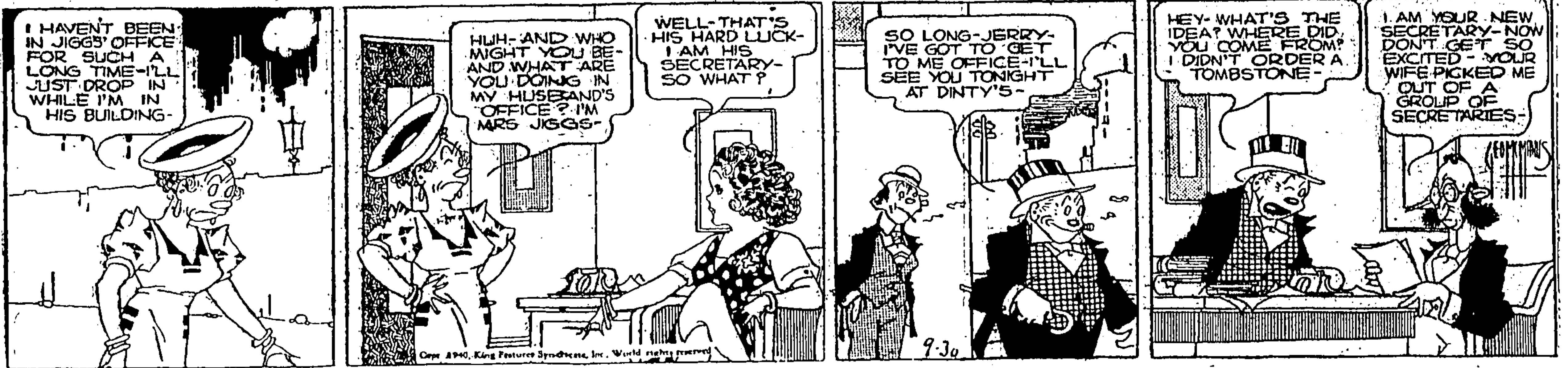
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

The Teaching Profession

THE other day a young woman came to see me who had just given up a responsible position as secretary in a business firm. She had given it up—not because she did not like it. Nor had she given it up because she had not been successful. On the contrary she had enjoyed it, had liked the mounting salary, and was considered, so I hear, an extremely able worker. But after thorough consideration and investigation she resigned to train for teaching.

It is so often the other way—teachers leaving to go into something else—that this deliberate choosing of a career in education is a refreshing change, writes M. Taylor in the "Christian Science Monitor."

What are some of the good things that will come her way in her newly-chosen career? First, one thinks of the joy of working with young people and children. To one who "belongs" there is no deeper satisfaction than this. Children and young people are so straight-from-the-shoulder. They demand sincerity, honesty of purpose; they hate sham. They so believe in friendship, and flower so satisfyingly under right conditions. These qualities are a constant challenge to all that is high and constructive and fine in one who works with them. If one approaches one's work with humility—and having charge of children carries with it so much power that one can approach it only with humility—one is the better man or woman for the experience of meeting the high demands of children and young people.

The President of the National Education Association in an article in a recent number of the N.E.A. Journal, quoted the list of requirements of a good teacher, as formulated by an organization of students.



The mentally sketchy girl-friend thinks her beau is going in for higher mathematics when he says he's been stretching a point all day to meet her on time.

These requirements are: physical vitality, mental vigour, moral discrimination, wholesome personality, helpfulness, knowledge, leadership. In the form of a pledge, these are some of the purposes that members of the F.T.A. set up for themselves:

"I will study daily to keep my mind active and alert; I will seek to know the right and to live by it; I will cultivate in myself goodwill, friendliness, poise, upright bearing, and careful speech. I will fill my mind with worthy thoughts by observing the beautiful world around me, by reading the best books, and by association with the best companions; I will make my influence count on the side of right, avoiding habits that weaken and destroy. These things will I do now that I may be worthy the high office of teacher."

Yes, for the sake of children and youth, if not for our own sakes, the achieving of a fine character and good habits of thought and action is essential, and therefore among the blessings of teaching. Another challenge, accepted by any sincere educator, is actually to live democracy in order that it may be taught by example as well as precept. In other walks of life we might get along without accepting this challenge—but in good teaching, never.

And yet another satisfaction that belongs to teaching, is the joy of working with books, with ideas, with an emphasis on culture. Helping others to awaken to all this is in itself a priceless privilege.

If you have read Mary Ellen Chase's "A Goodly Fellowship" you have already added to my incomplete list another deep satisfaction—and that is fellowship with the grand people who are your co-workers, in your own school system and in the profession as a whole. It is indeed a "goodly fellowship." The old axiom about a prophet in one's own country, or "familiarity breeds contempt" may blind one at times to the excellence of one's own co-workers; but the fact remains that, as a class educators are unusually sincere, able people, willing to sacrifice much for high ideals, and doing a great piece of work.

Much is said about over-worked and underpaid teachers, about the thanklessness of the job, about all the things that are wrong with it. Within the year a prize was given to a novel purporting to bring out the richness of the teacher's work, and I who know and love teaching could not read it through, because the emphasis on the drab and the injustice and the wrong seemed to me so out of proportion. We need a truer picture of teaching than that. Mary Ellen Chase and Bliss Perry might give it to us in the novel field as they have done in the non-fiction field.

But a person, to love teaching has to be one who really "belongs" in it. It is a hard job. It is sometimes thankless. There are injustices, as in any other profession. It is underpaid—but no amount of gold could really pay what good teaching is worth. Yet it is, for the right person, a deep joy, an ultimate satisfaction.

If those who appreciate this, will express more freely their enthusiasm for teaching, perhaps more of those who should be teaching will realise where they really belong, and will take active steps to join the "Goodly Fellowship," as has the young friend who recently came to see me.

Fish Loaf That Tastes Like Chicken

By Dorothy Greig

THE last time we had fish loaf one of the guests remarked "this is certainly a delicious chicken loaf" — which made me smile a little.

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1 tablespoon pimiento, chopped
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2 eggs

Strain the rice, celery and chicken from the chicken soup. Combine them with the tuna fish (which has been put into a strainer and 1 cup of hot water poured over it) and put all through the food chopper. Then mix with the soft bread crumbs, the chicken soup, chopped pimiento, parsley and eggs. Put into a buttered loaf pan and bake in a moderate oven (350°) 45-60 minutes or until firm. Serves 4-5.

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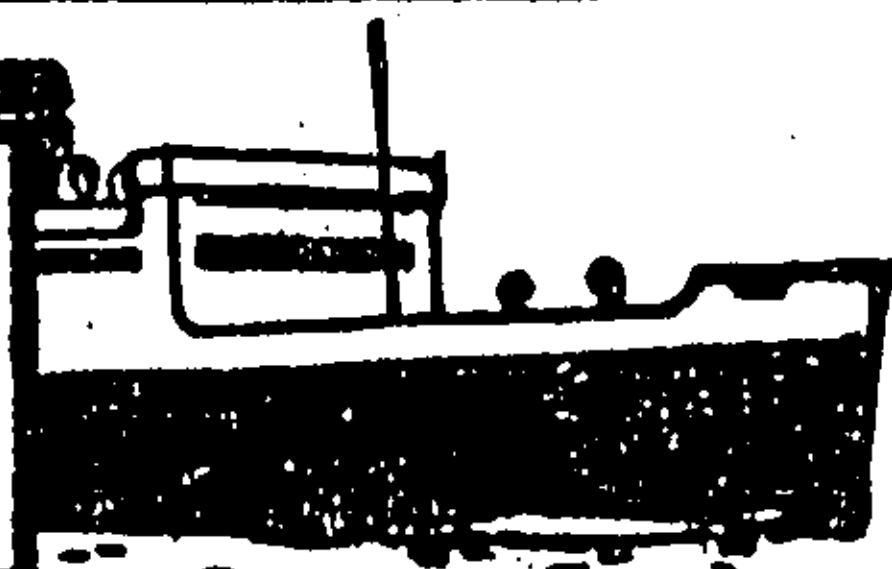
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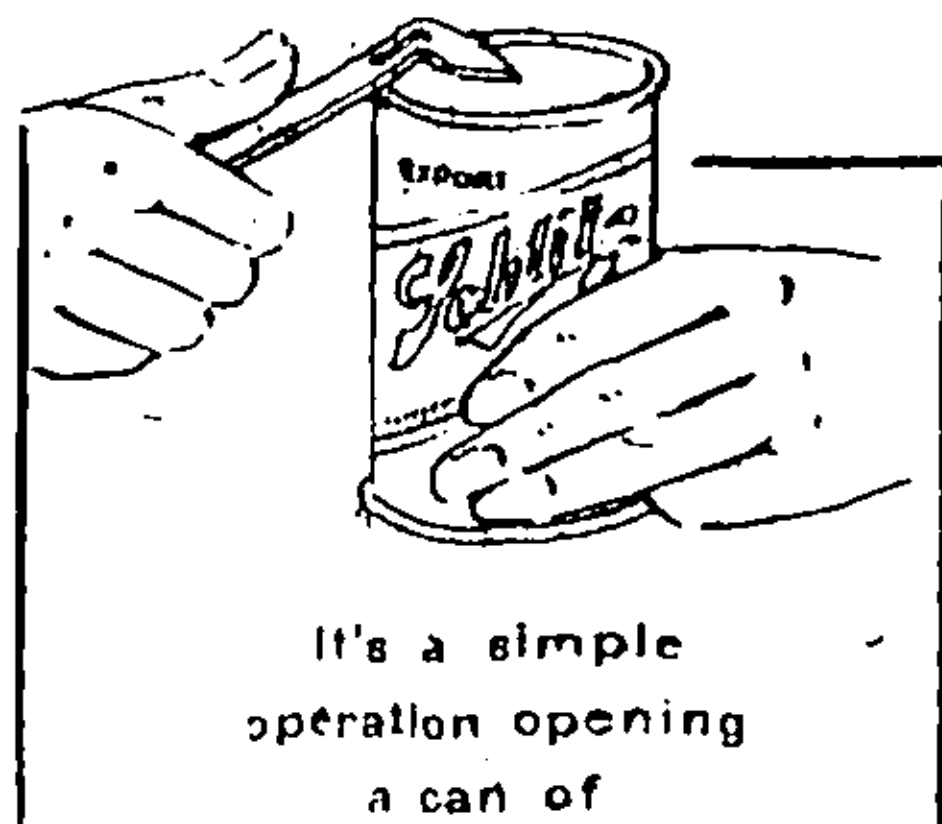
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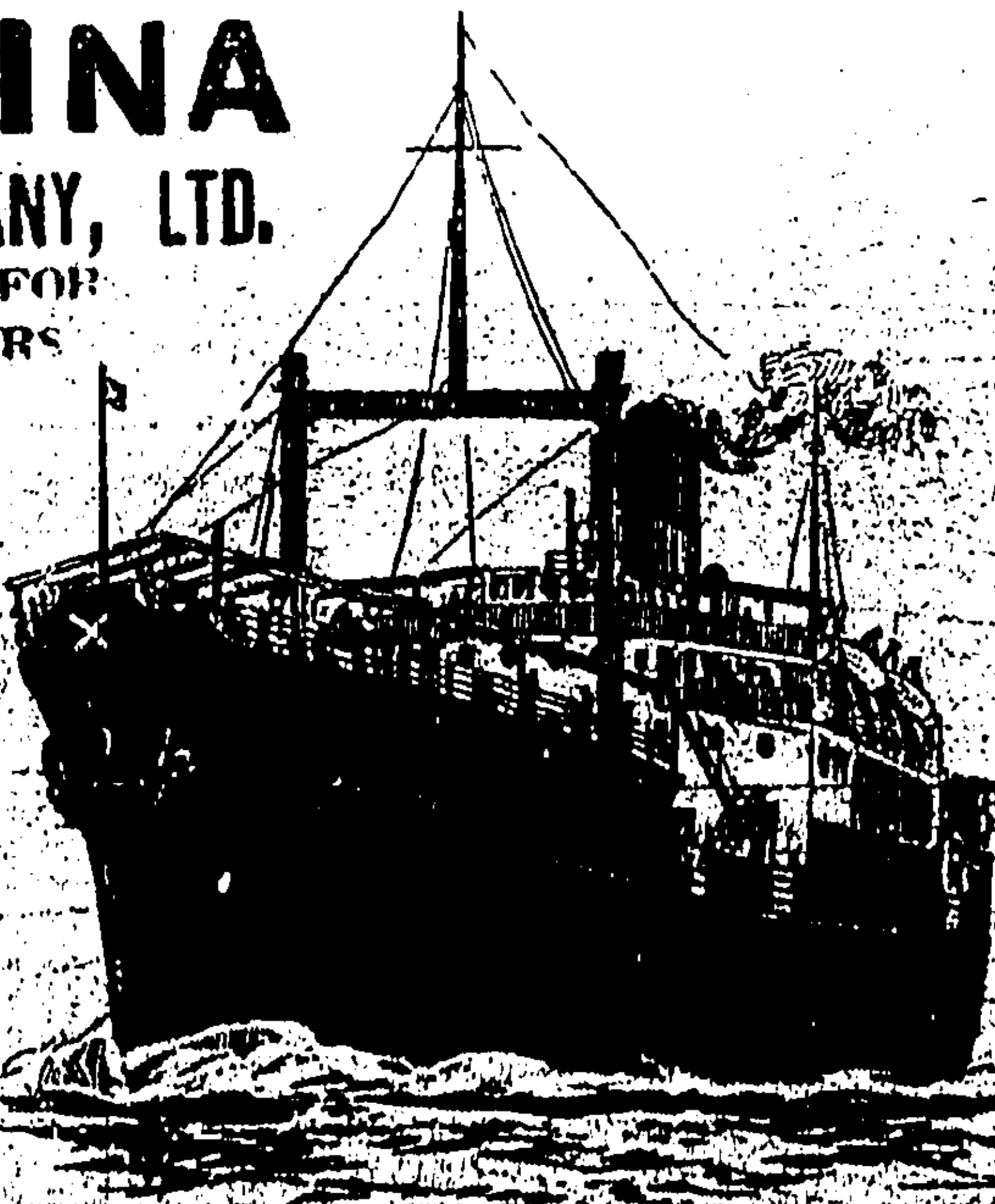
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Police Falter Against Eastern In Closing Minutes

SING TAO JUST DEFEAT SAINTS

Pope Holds Hau Ching-to Howlett And Moss Best Of Police Forwards

By "Sportshawk"

After leading by the odd goal in three, until the last 20 minutes, Police had bad luck to lose Chan Kwong-yu through an injured ankle and during his temporary absence Eastern equalised. This so inspired them that they netted two further goals in the last 10 minutes to win by 4 goals to 2 in the Senior Division Soccer game at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon.

It will be recalled that in their first meeting at Boundary Street, Police also led until the last 20 minutes by 3 goals to 2, but Eastern scored two quick goals in the last five minutes to snatch both points.

Police turned out the same team as they fielded against Sing Tao, while Eastern were without the services of Cheung Kuan-hoi, who is on the injured list, and whose position at inside-right was filled by Ku Wing-fook.

On the whole, Police had the better of Eastern for the greater part of the game and were definitely on top during the last stages of the first period.

If Chan Kwong-yu had not been injured and forced to leave the field for about 10 minutes, during which Eastern equalised, Police might have held on to their lead or at least might have forced a draw. Chan returned but was obviously feeling the effects of his injury and as a result he was not so safe.

Manning, the Police custodian, brought off several good saves, while Chan Kwong-yu played a particularly sound game and combined well with his partner, Blackburn.

Good Halves

Police intermediate line was very sound; all the three players worked very hard and assisted both defence and attack. Pope, who improves in every game, was the best in this line. This player had the speedy Hau Ching-to well in hand so that Hau was subsequently forced out of the picture, despite his usual tricks and speed.

Lau Pak-hung, the newly promoted junior player, played an unexpectedly good game on the left-wing for Police and scored both his side's goals. Howlett distinguished himself at inside-right and Moss ably led the attack.

Lau Hin-hon, Eastern's goalkeeper, was not very safe but he showed good anticipation and handling after the resumption, while Kong Sing-king, at right back, was in his usual form and defended stoutly.

Hsu King-sing, the pivot, played a good game in the half back line and was the only outstanding player for Eastern in that line.

Eastern's attack was best served by V. K. Hyui who confidently led the forwards and was ably supported by his two inside men, while Chung Yung-sum sent over

several good centres from right-wing. After 10 minutes play V. K. Hyui opened the scoring for Eastern from a pass from Ku Wing-fook, but Police equalised through Lau Pak-hung later and the same player netted another goal to give Police the lead.

On resumption, Police managed to hold the lead until the last 20 minutes when Chan Kwong-yu was injured. Eastern then equalised through V. K. Hyui from a corner by Chung Yung-sum.

This equaliser heartened Eastern considerably and in the last 10 minutes they netted two further goals through Hsu King-sing and V. K. Hyui.

Eastern:—Lau Hin-hon; Kong Sing-king and S. T. Liu; Lau Tse-chan, Hsu King-sing and Woo Ki-cheong; Chung Yung-sum, Ku Wing-fook, V. K. Hyui, C. T. Tsao and Hau Ching-to.

Police:—Manning; Blackburn and Chan Kwong-yu; Pope, Gough and North; Wong Man-kwai, Howlett, Moss, Ferrier and Lau

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Following will represent Navy "A" against Club "A" on Wednesday on Club ground at 4.45 p.m.: Midshipman Rowe; Sub-Lieutenant Kennedy, Petty Officer Wilson, Cadet Lambie and Leading Aircraftman Gracie; Sub-Lieutenant Smith and Electrical Artificer Wilton; Sub-Lieutenant Winter, Lieutenant (E) Brown, Able Seaman Hughes; Leading Aircraftman Stockham, Cadet Thornhill; Able Seaman Williams, Sick Berth Attendant Baggs and Ord, Signalmen Taylor.

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Kowloon Dock Recreation Club will pay a return bowls visit to the Prison Officers' Club at Stanley on Sunday next. When the Stanley team made the trip across the harbour last Sunday they came away winners by a very comfortable margin.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND GOAL-SCORERS

FIRST DIVISION

Eastern	4	Police	2
Hyui (2) and Hau Ching-to and Hsu King-sang.		Lau Pak-hung (2).	
Sing Tao	3	St. Joseph's	2
Lai Shui-wing (3).		Man Chi-ki and Gomes.	

SECOND DIVISION

Navy	5	Kwong Wah	2
O'Regan (3), Allison and Barber.		Lau Wing-ku and Leung Bing-kwan.	
Sing Tao	2	30th R.A.	2
Wo Chin-cheung (2).		Marshall and Round.	

MY BET IS STILL ON ARMY

By "SCRUM-HALF"

NAVY FULLY DESERVED THEIR QUADRANGULAR RUGBY TOURNAMENT TRIUMPH OVER ARMY ON SATURDAY, WHEN THEY PROVED CONCLUSIVELY THAT THEIR 5-5 DRAW AGAINST CLUB ON THE PREVIOUS SATURDAY WAS NO FLUKE.

Their win was the result of inspired play by a light pack and brilliant defensive play by their backs, among whom Paul was especially prominent. Of the forwards King, Taylor and Mansfield were in a class of their own, and they received excellent support from the remainder of the pack, both in the tight and loose. Watson did extraordinarily well to master Ford, and Rutherford did the rest, despite the constant attentions of the Army wing forwards.

Army started off very confidently, but after several well executed movements had been successfully countered by a rock-like defence they became ragged and rattled, thus contributing largely to their own downfall. Picton, who played really well, Douglass, Hook, Wedderburn, Sutherland, Pinkerton and Gillan were their only players to impress.

With Club easily accounting for Police, Navy concluded the First Round of the Tournament one point in the lead, followed by Club, who are one point ahead of Army. The Tournament, however, is by no means won yet, and Army, who had the material to go through without defeat, still have every chance of winning all their remaining games.

My bet is still on Army.

St. Joseph's gave a much improved display in their First Division Soccer game against Sing Tao on the Club ground yesterday, when they were beaten by the odd goal in five, after having as much of the play in the second period.

Sing Tao were without Cheung Wing-choy, Leung Wing-chui and Chui Ah-fai, while Saints were without C. Santos.

Saints were well served by their intermediate line which tackled quickly and seldom gave the Sing Tao forwards much opportunity to settle to their usual play. Fernandes, in the pivotal position, worked hard and kept a good watch on Kwok Ying-kee while Maher was too good for Lau Tsuman, who was able nevertheless, to send over some good centres.

Lau Wing-kwong, Saint's left-half, kept a good hold on Tang Kwong-sum and also found time to mark Fung King-cheong. He was always up with the ball and assisted his forwards with good through passes.

Leonard and Hussain were two great defenders, as far as clearing their lines were concerned, but neither paid much attention to placing their clearances. Bad positioning on their part was the direct cause of two Sing Tao goals in the second half.

Cruz Improves

Gomes and MacDonald were the best of the Saints' forwards. Both fell back for the ball and worked like trojans. Gomes displayed good ball control and kept Cruz well fed with passes with the result that the two were often very dangerous.

Cruz gave a much better display in the second period and sent over good centres which were not turned into account.

Soong Ling-sing, the Sing Tao pivot, saved his side from defeat and a forward line of a slightly better calibre than St. Joseph's would have pierced the Sing Tao defence often.

Soong was the only stumbling block on numerous occasions to the Saints' forwards. He had the centre well covered and it was he who initiated most of the openings for his forwards. Neither of his wing halves were impressive and were often beaten by the opposing wingers.

Lee Ting-sang, in spite of the light forward line he was up against, was none too comfortable and though he did not miskick his clearances were often hasty.

Choo, in Sing Tao goal, did not have much to do but the little he had to do did not inspire confidence.

Sing Tao were the better team in the first half, but their forwards were not impressive in their movements.

Lai Shui-wing opened the score when he cleverly tricked Leonard and sent in a fast shot. Prior to this Kwok had missed a penalty.

Saints Equalise

In the second half Saint's started off with a rush and were soon on level terms through Man Chi-ki. Two glorious chances of taking the lead were missed by Saints when Cruz hit the upright and Gomes sent the ball wide when well

SOFTBALL RESULTS

Following were yesterday softball results:

GIRLS

Cardinals 22, Ramblerettes 21
Chung Hwa 19, Florinhas 10.
Wildcats 16, Wahoes 17.

MEN'S

First Division

St. Joseph's 25, Filipinos 7.
Cyclones 0, Recrelo Aces 1.
Canucks 3, Indians 11.

Second Division

Chung Hwa 9, Cosmopolitans 8.
Recrelo Bees 5, South China 6.
R.A.F. 7, V.R.C. 24.

Inter-Hong

H.K. Bank 12, Cables 2.
Chartered Bank 20, Greenspots 12.

Sing Tao took the lead through Lau Shui-wing, who sent in a first timer following a corner taken by Tang Kwong-sum, and shortly after he placed his side further ahead when Hussain misjudged a high ball.

Gomes scored for Saints shortly after with a weak shot and Man Chi-kee just missed the upright with a cross shot.

St. Joseph's:—Sammy Tsang; Hassan, D. Leonard, Maher, Fernandes, Lau Wing-kong; Cruz, Man Chi-kee, MacDonald, Gomes, A. Leonard, Sing Tao:—Choo Shui-hang; Hau Yung-sang, Lee Tin-sang; Luk Tat-hang, Soong Ling-sing, Shui Yoo-san; Tang Kwok-shum, Lai Shui-wing, Fung King-cheung, Kwok Ying-ki, Loo Tung-tung.

ENGINEERS BEATEN

In an exciting game on the Chater Road ground on Saturday, Hong Kong Cricket Club beat Royal Engineers by one wicket, the winning run, a single, coming just one minute from time.

ENGINEERS

Major Grosse, b Finnie	18
Spr. Tropp, not out	62
Spr. Ratcliffe, c and b Finnie	0
Capt. Freeman, run out	3
Sgt. Denyer, b Dewar	4
Sgt. Shipp, b Finnie	65
Extras (B6, LB5, NB1)	12

Total (for 5 wkts. dec.) 164
Spr. Bailey, S/Sgt. Megson, S/Sgt. Kehoe, Spr. Goss and Major Parsons did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dewar	7	0	27	1
Finnie	8.6	1	50	3
Carey	3	0	13	0
Robb	3	0	30	0
Haymes	3	0	32	0

H.K.C.C.

Capt. Lawrence, c Shipp, b Megson	1
J. P. Carey, b Megson	1
M. L. F. Haymes, c Denyer, b Megson	14
C. E. Gahagan, c Freeman, b Megson	2
L. D. Kilbee, lbw, b Denyer	27
A. J. Dewar, c Tropp, b Denyer	51
C. W. F. Bligh, not out	29
D. S. Robb, b Denyer	14
W. G. Finnie, b Denyer	0
J. L. Hsley, c Tropp, b Denyer	17
B. W. Pudney, not out	2
Extras (B4, LB3)	7

Total (for 9 wkts.) 165

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tropp	9	0	41	0
Megson	8.6	0	94	4
Parsons	3	0	36	0
Denyer	8	0	50	5



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SAPPERS BEAT CRAIGENGOWER

Royal Engineers defeated Craigengower Cricket Club by 4 wickets in a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Both teams later played another innings, limited to 45 minutes each and this resulted in Sappers again winning by 4 wickets.

C. C. C.

J. L. Youngsaye, c Shipp, b Megson	0
A. J. Hulse, run out	21
A. R. Kitchell, b Denyer	2
A. B. Hamson, c Bailey, b Tropp	1
R. J. Billimoria, l.b.w., b Tropp	23
Ramchand, not out	4
E. Mitchell, l.b.w., b Denyer	1
T. Edgar, b Shipp	1
U. Esmail, b Shipp	1
H. L. Forman, b Shipp	0
F. Baker, c and b Shipp	5
Extras (B14, LB5)	19
Total	79

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Megson	5	2	16	1
Tropp	6	2	5	2
Shipp	5.3	1	15	4
Denyer	4	0	21	0

ROYAL ENGINEERS

Megson, b Billimoria	0
Pelham, c Edgar, b Hulse	11
Bailey, b Hulse	15
Kehoe, run out	4
Shipp, b Hulse	3
Ratcliffe, c Hamson, b Hulse	4
Tropp, not out	45
Holliday, c Hulse, b Esmail	15
Parsons, not out	6
Extras (B8, LB3)	11
Total (for 7 wks.)	117

Denyer and Shaw did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hulse	10	3	33	4
Billimoria	6	1	23	1
Hamson	2	0	16	0
Esmail	3	0	28	1
Ramchand	1	0	6	0

2nd Innings

C.C.C.

J. L. Youngsaye, c Parsons	13
U. Esmail, retired	35
T. Edgar, b Ratcliffe	5
E. Mitchell, c and b Ratcliffe	0
H. L. Forman, run out	2
E. Choa, c Ratcliffe, b Parsons	1
P. J. Billimoria, not out	1
Extras (B1, LB4)	5

Total (for 6 wks. dec.) 62

A. J. Hulse, A. B. Hamson, Ramchand and Baker did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Parsons	5	1	36	2
Ratcliffe	5	0	21	2

Royal Engineers

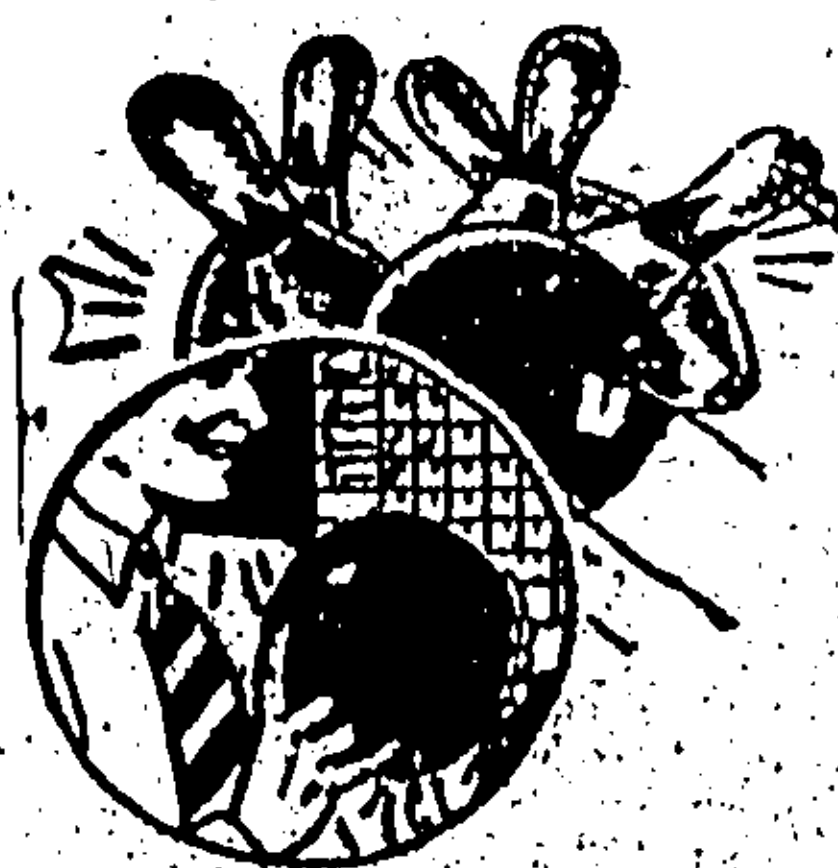
Denyer, b Mitchell	12
Shaw, c Ramchand, b Forman	31
Shipp, b Ramchand	3
Kehoe, b Ramchand	0
Ratcliffe, b Ramchand	4
Parsons, b Youngsaye	2
Bailey, not out	11
Holliday, c and b Forman	26
Extras (W2)	2

Total (for 7 wks.) 91

Pelham, Tropp and Megson did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Edgar	2	0	27	1
Ramchand	2	0	9	3
Youngsaye	3	0	28	1
Forman	2.5	0	27	2



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SATURDAY'S SPORTS

HOCKEY RESULTS

Following were results of games played yesterday in the Hockey Tournament.

Police "A"	6 - University	0
Howlett (2), Jasbir Singh (3) and Teja Singh.		
A. N. Other	5 5th A.A. "B" 1	
Hitchcock (4), Aisey and Morgan.	Bigginton.	
Khalsa	3 Police "B" 1	
G. Singh, Awtar Singh, and Karminder Singh.	Marwant Singh.	

THOUGH no centuries were registered in Saturday's friendly cricket games, good scores were made by Richardson, Tropp and Shipp.

Cricket

Following were the best individual performances:—

BATTING	
J. E. Richardson	67
Shipp	65
Tropp	62*
A. T. Lee	59
A. J. Dewar	51
K. J. Attwell	42
A. R. Sufflad	34*
A. H. Rurnjahn	32
E. L. Gosano	31
* Not out.	

BOWLING	
Lloyd	6 for 5
Pope	6 for 22
Dixon	5 for 20
Denyer	5 for 55
Billimoria	5 for 71
Hulse	4 for 15
Megson	4 for 26
Stone	4 for 29

Ingleby	4 for 33
E. F. Fletcher	3 for 2
Ahmed	3 for 5
M. A. Remedios	3 for 6
Prata	3 for 10
Rumjahn	3 for 12
Souza	3 for 18
Singh	3 for 24
Cunningham	3 for 25
Perry	3 for 35

OUTSTANDING performance in the Football League on Saturday was South China's 5 nil victory over Service Corps in the Second Division which has greatly enhanced their chances for the title.

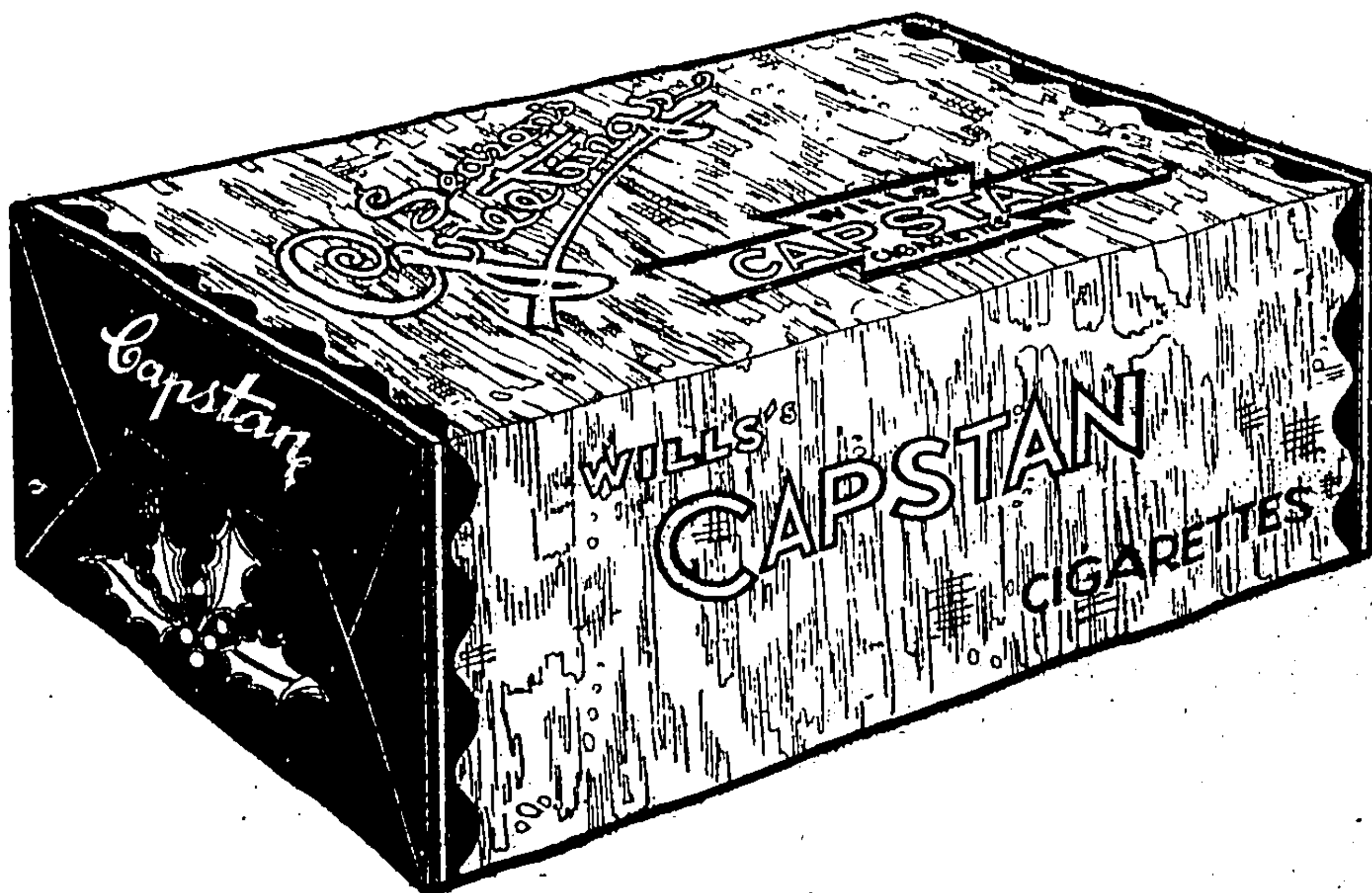
After establishing a two goal lead in the first half, Middlesex fell off badly after the interval and were forced to share four goals with Kwong Wah in First Division.

Shell still continue to show improved form and lost to International by the only goal scored late in the game.

"Skelly" Abdul-Razack, captain of Cyclones' Softball Club, and one of the members of the Union Insurance team in the Inter-Hong League last season, is now eligible for the Lacas team in the Hong League this year. Bobby Laurel, who has been catching for Lacas, is just as good behind the plate as "Skelly", but it is certain that the latter will be able to find a place somewhere in the team.

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Royal Air Force Keeps Up Scale Of Operations

HUGE WAR BUDGET IN AUSTRALIA

Mr. Menzies, Australian Minister, yesterday gave the lie to a German broadcast that he was going to London to voice his dissatisfaction with British policy.

This is "typical of German propaganda," he said, and the answer was given in the Commonwealth Parliament last week when all Parties with one voice approved the £270,000,000 war budget.

"Hitler can rest assured," said Mr. Menzies, "that Australia in indissoluble unity with Britain will give a good account of herself in preparing for the battlefield."

It was announced yesterday that Australia is establishing a new arms factory in Queensland. It will cost £1,000,000 and employ 2,500 workers. — Reuter.

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Bardia Gets Particularly Heavy Attack

THE DESTRUCTION OF A FURTHER 26 ENEMY AIRCRAFT IS RECORDED IN A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY R.A.F. HEADQUARTERS IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

The communique says British bombers steadily raided Italian landing grounds and aerodromes in the advanced area in the Middle East, and in addition, Bardia was selected for a particularly heavy attack.

About 50 Capronis were patrolling over Bardia but the British bombers persisted in the attack, causing heavy damage. Two enemy aircraft were destroyed at Derna and others severely damaged.

One fighter squadron alone accounted for 14 Savolas and four Capronis. Three more Savoias and three Capronis were shot down by other squadrons.

From these operations only three of our aircraft failed to return safely but it is probable that at least one is safe on our side of the line.

Tripoli Attack

Grotone harbour was raided for the first time by our bombers on the night of Friday, and the same night Fleet Air Arm air-

British would not give us a good fight and thus deprive our final victory of glory!" — Reuter.

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Incessant Patrol

Twenty-four of the 26 Italian planes destroyed during the day were shot down by our fighters, which maintained an incessant patrol in protection of advanced British troops.

Both in Bardia and Tobruk, fires were still burning from raids on the previous day.

Asmara, Gura, Zula and Danghilla, in Italian East Africa, were successfully raided. — Reuter.

AMERICANS PAYHOMAGE TO LORD LOTHIAN

Funeral services for the late Lord Lothian, British Ambassador in Washington, were held with full military honours in Washington Cathedral yesterday afternoon.

United States cavalry escorted the caisson bearing the body from the Embassy to the Cathedral through avenues cleared of traffic by hundreds of police and lined with silent crowds.

President Roosevelt, who is spending the week-end at Warm Springs, Georgia, after his Caribbean cruise, was represented at the service by his secretary, Mr. Stephen Early.

Mrs. Roosevelt attended in person.

Mr. Neville Butler, Charge d'Affaires at the British Embassy, represented the King, and Lord Athlone (Governor-General of Canada) and Mr. Mackenzie King (Canadian Premier) were also represented.

Members of the Diplomatic Corps and many high officials were present.

A private cremation was held later in the afternoon at another service at a church. — Reuter.

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Italian Warship Badly Damaged In Naples Raid

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was officially claimed in Rome yesterday that the Italian submarine Neghelli torpedoed and sank a British cruiser off Egypt.

At the same time it was admitted that British air raids on Naples caused many casualties and heavily damaged an Italian warship in Naples harbour.—International News Service.

BLOCKADE UPSETS BRAZIL'S AMOUR-PROPRE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IT WAS EXCLUSIVELY revealed to International News in Washington yesterday that the United States is making strenuous efforts to mediate in the Anglo-Brazilian dispute regarding the undisclosed detention at Gibraltar of a million dollar Brazilian cargo.

The cargo consists of German-made military and railway supplies.

CANADIAN MINISTER SURVIVES

In Torpedoed Liner

Mr. C. D. Howe, Canadian Minister of Munitions and Supply, who was on board the British liner "Western Prince" when she was torpedoed in the Atlantic early on Saturday, is safe.

This was revealed yesterday by Lord Beaverbrook, Minister for Aircraft Production in London, when he informed the Canadian authorities that Mr. Howe had been rescued.

Travelling with Mr. Howe on a visit to London were Mr. E. R. Taylor, Joint Director-General

It is understood that Mr. Cordell Hull and Mr. Sumner Welles, Secretary and Under-Secretary of State, respectively, are seeking to effect a compromise as the Administration is apprehensive lest the Brazilian anti-British reaction spread throughout Latin-America, thus weakening hemispheric aid to Britain.

It is learned that Brazil has appealed to 20 other American republics to support her in a protest against the seizure, which, it is claimed, is contrary to international law and is a violation of the British pledge.

Barter Arrangement

The cargo, comprising the remnant of a huge instalment of German goods bartered for Brazilian coffee before the European war, was loaded in the Brazilian liner "Sequero" at Lisbon on Nov. 20.

Brazil claims that previously Britain had promised the Brazilian Embassy in London to clear the cargo, but later held the ship at Gibraltar.—International News Service.

Real Munitions Production, Colonel W. C. Woodward, a member of Mr. Howe's department, and Mr. Gordon Scott, financial adviser to Mr. Howe's department.

No mention is made of their fate.—Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IT WAS OFFICIALLY revealed in Cairo yesterday that the British blitzkrieg in the North African desert has driven a powerful wedge straight into Libya, while British planes and warships are constantly hammering the fleeing Fascists and are pounding the bases which they are trying to reach.

The naval phase of the operations comes to the fore with the announcement that warships heavily bombarded Bardia, while naval planes raided Tripoli and destroyers sank an Italian submarine.

Sharp naval battles were fought off the coast when swarms of Italian torpedo-boats attacked British vessels.

Planes cooperated with troops in strafing broken Italian remnants stampeding through the gorges between Sollum and Bardia.—International News Service.

ITALIAN SUBMARINE SUNK

The Italian submarine Naiade has been sunk by British destroyers, states a communique from the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, received by the Admiralty in London last evening.

The submarine attempted to interfere with operations which British naval forces are continuing along the coast in support of the Army between Sidi Barrani and Bardia.

E-boats also attacked a naval unit but without success and the attack was driven off.

Naval participation in the attack on Bardia is revealed by the communique which says a night bombardment of that port was carried out with successful results.—Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that a moderate anticyclone covers the whole of China and is increasing in intensity.

A trough of low pressure extends from the Visays to the Caroline Islands.

GREEKS SLASH THROUGH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Greeks, slashing through the Italian positions with fierce bayonet attacks, yesterday tightened their grip of steel on Chimara in a successful thrust which threatens the last remaining defences in southern Albania.

Simultaneously Tepelini was heavily bombed and set on fire. The imminent loss of Chimara and Tepelini would mean the abandonment of Valona.—International News Service.

London and the north-east town both being clear of raiders before midnight.

Relatively few bombs fell in London and although many fire bombs and high explosives were dropped on the north-east town, the attack was on nothing like the scale of earlier provincial "blitz" raids.—Reuter.

NOT A BOMB ON BRITAIN ALL DAY

The daylight hours of Sunday passed without a single bomb being dropped in any part of England but nightfall brought the capital the usual alert.

Main weight of the night raid, however, appeared to be concentrated on a town in north-east England, though towns in the south-west were also visited. The widespread enemy air activity last night ended early.

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CEASELESS STREAM OF BOOTY

Magnitude Of British Victory Becoming Clear

Enormous Dumps Of War Material Captured Intact

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent in the Western Desert)

I HAVE JUST ARRIVED AT SIDI BARRANI AFTER A TWO DAYS' JOURNEY ACROSS THE DESERT BY THE 200-MILE ROUTE FOLLOWED BY OUR MECHANISED FORCES AT THE BEGINNING OF THEIR DRIVE TO THE LIBYAN FRONTIER.

Only after such a journey is it possible to appreciate the magnitude of the British victory; throughout the trip we passed an almost ceaseless stream of captured Italian tanks, lorries, armoured cars and prisoners being taken back to bases.

At some points we saw Italian ammunition dumps, all intact, covering areas of a couple of square miles each.

Although a breakdown delayed our cars we were able to push on without touching any of our own rations, knowing we should continually find dumps of Italian tinned food along the route.

The Italians destroyed virtually nothing; they hadn't time to do so.

Only when the great fortified encampment at Nibeiwa, where our armoured division wiped out General Maletti's crack desert column in a couple of hours after the British blitz began, has been seen, can the brilliance of this initial victory be fully appreciated.

Maletti's Base

The importance of it is comparable to that of the Battle of Sedan, since it opened the way to all that followed.

At Nibeiwa, General Maletti established a base from which he planned to invade Egypt.

The great encampment, which has a circumference of about four miles, was protected outside by land mines and inside by 18-pounders, other field guns, anti-aircraft guns and machine-guns.

It contained 3,500 of Italy's best Libyan troops led by Italian officers.

While British troops are driving all along the frontier, the astonishing total of Italian prisoners and captured booty continues to mount.

All day long a continual stream of captured Italian lorries crammed with prisoners is bumping across the desert through the sandstorm which has been raging for a whole week.

14,000 At Bug Bug

One armoured brigade, which captured 14,000 prisoners in the Bug Bug area alone, signalled urgently for assistance as they were anxious to continue the advance without being hampered by acting as warders.

A battalion of a famous Indian regiment took over the prisoners and the armoured brigade hurried on towards Sollum in order to cut off the enemy forces retreating from camp in the interior of the desert which had surrendered.

The final pockets of resistance outside Sidi Barrani were mopped up on Wednesday by forces operating under an Australian-born brigadier.

Meanwhile, the armoured brigade, with a composite force which had been driving along the escarpment running roughly parallel with the coast towards the old frontier, came into contact with the enemy on Thursday, and is still fighting.

Large numbers of retreating Italians have been shot up by British fighters and one group of 100 vehicles and 1,000 men surrendered on Thursday in the Nibeiwa area.

Hell-Fire Pass

Another group was attacked by relays of fighters near a spot known among the troops as "Hell-Fire Pass."

In the latter part of the week the Italians have been attempting to retaliate by air attacks.

It was during one of these attacks that an Australian squadron of five Gladiators distinguished itself by engaging 12 Capronis and destroying several of them, as announced in Saturday's R.A.F. communique.

Despite the extent of the British successes, however, it should not be imagined that the Italians did not put up any resistance.

Italian Losses

Their fire at Sidi Barrani was extremely heavy and elsewhere, when British tanks got among them, guns around, put up a hot though ineffective fire.

It is still impossible to estimate the total Italian casualties but they are certainly heavy and it is believed they lost thousands of killed and wounded while in addition a number of high officers have been captured—Reuter.

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NAVAL YARD BRASS STOLEN

Tsai Ming-sun, 37, blacksmith, was fined \$100, or two months' hard labour, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistrate's court this morning, for stealing a quantity of brass from the Royal Naval Dockyard yesterday.

It was alleged that the brass, valued at \$150, was found tied to accused's waist when he was searched at the gate of the Naval Yard.

TRIPOLI BOMBED BY FLEET AIR ARM

An Admiralty communique issued in London yesterday stated that the Fleet Air Arm has been co-operating with the R.A.F. in the attack on the Libyan coast, and in the attack on Tripoli four tons of bombs were dropped.

In addition to direct hits on ships, explosions and damage to warehouses were observed.—Reuter.

WALTER DARRE'S CLAIMS

A sidelight on the recent claim that food ships for countries unoccupied by German troops should be allowed through the British naval cordon was furnished by Walter Darre, Nazi Minister for Agriculture, yesterday.

Darre claimed that in this, the second year of war, Germany has the "highest food standard of all European countries."

Broadcasting to German peasants he also claimed that "the marked increase in milk production during the war is especially significant."

"During the past month milk supplies have steadily increased by 10 to 15 per cent, compared with the same period last year."

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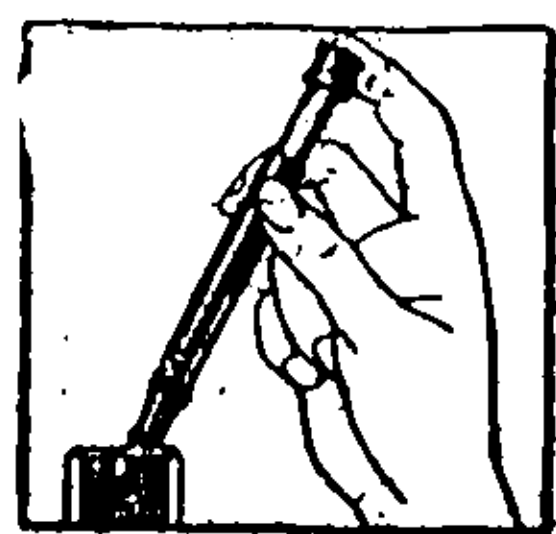
Anzacs on the march in Palestine. They have not yet taken an active part in military operations in the Western Desert. (Copyright, Fox).

REVOLVER SUICIDE AT 15

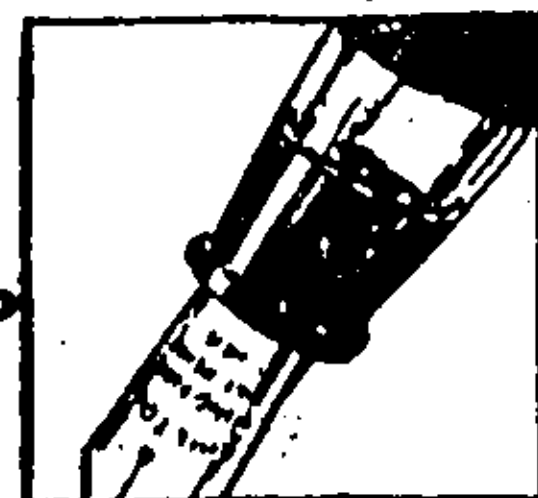
Fifteen-year-old Gerald Douglas Brown shot himself with a revolver at his home in Deerpark Road, Streatham, London. It was stated at the Battersea inquest.

Detective-Sergeant Morris said he had been unable to trace the origin of the revolver. Verdict: Suicide, while the balance of the mind was disturbed.

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Pilot's Story Of Battles Over Channel

A PILOT OFFICER D.F.C. recently awarded the D.S.O. in the field, who has shot down over twenty aircraft over Britain, gave a thrilling account of a "day's work" in a broadcast from London yesterday.

"We were up early in the morning," he said. "We hadn't long to wait before I was told to take off and climb over the Channel.

Soon we ran across a squadron of German fighters and in a few seconds the sky was full of both of us. I had a quick bang at one and then at another!

Then I made a turn 'up sun' and joined two aircraft that were climbing. When I discovered I was following two Messerschmitt 109 fighters at only a few yards distance. In fact I was forming on them.

By the time I realised my mistake they had turned away from the sun and I opened fire on them. I came up behind one and gave him a burst and he dropped down into the Channel. When I gave the leader a burst he just exploded in mid-air.

All that was between six and seven—a total of seven altogether, were destroyed. The boys were thinking of breakfast when word came through that things were blowing up again. Off we went on the same old chase.

On returning we found the squadron leader had accounted for another and so had two other pilots.

9 A.M. Score

The score at 9 a.m. was ten Germans destroyed, our losses being three machines hit and needing repair and one pilot baled out.

Soon we were told to proceed to a convoy and patrol it.

The squadron was settling down to the routine job when there was an appalling noise on our radio telephone. Three people at once had seen about 40 bombers in groups of three spread over about a mile. That cheered us up a lot.

One of the flight commanders thought the enemy had already attacked the convoy and were on the way back, and gave chase only to discover they were coming towards him, and before he could slow up he had gone right through the centre of them with the other two members of his section blazing away.

This shook the German pilots so much that they immediately broke formation. German fighter-bombers started forming one of their famous defensive circles.

Nazi Swimmers

By this time there were several Germans lying in the water all smashed up with the crews swimming around.

Soitfires were now diving in and out of the circle.

I got my sights into one bomber and gave him a long burst and one of my tracer bullets must have hit the petrol tank as in a few seconds he was a mass of flames and down he went into the sea.

I climbed up to cloud base again when another bomber made for me. A short burst silenced his rear gunner.

As I closed my range his machine rolled over and fell upside down into the sea.

21 OUT OF 38

Checking up the figures we found a total of 20 enemy aircraft had been destroyed.

After lunch we went up again. We saw in the distance about 20 dive-bombers and a fighter

escort going in the direction of a convoy. We were able to close with the fighter escort.

I gave chase to a straggler. I got in a burst of machine-gun fire. He dived and I followed, giving him another burst, when the pilot jumped out. The machine crashed into the beach, bursting into flames.

Back at our aerodrome we found the squadron had attacked 38 enemy aircraft of which 21 were definitely destroyed. — British Wireless.



Capture of five generals in the Western Desert last week was not the first instance since the Egyptian campaign began. This photo shows Major-General Romolo la Strucl, who was captured by a British raiding force during a sally into Libya.

Germany Sticking To Invasion Plans!

According to the Wilhelmstrasse, the unfavourable turn in the Italian operations in Albania and Egypt will not influence German military decisions or lead Germany to give Italy active assistance, said the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" yesterday.

Germany, the correspondent adds, is tenaciously sticking to her plan to seek a final decision against Britain in the British Isles themselves. — Reuter.

VALONA TWICE BOMBED

THE ALBANIAN PORT OF VALONA WAS TWICE RAIDED BY THE R.A.F. ON SATURDAY. IT IS ANNOUNCED FROM HEADQUARTERS OF THE BRITISH AIR FORCES IN GREECE.

In the first attack bombs fell among military stores and on a motor transport park. A column of black smoke was seen to rise from the motor transport concentration and although clouds prevented full observation, the army barracks were also seen to be hit.

On the second attack the aerodrome was bombed, all bombs falling in the target area, and an enemy aircraft about to take off spun round on a wing tip and stopped.

From all operations all British aircraft returned safely. — British Wireless.

CHOPPER MURDER

Three Chinese were charged at the Central Magistracy before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning with the murder of Wong Hing at Shaukiwan on December 11.

Accused, Tang Fu-hoi, 17, boiler maker, Wong Kwai, 18, coolie, and Pun Tak-wah, 17, were alleged to have attacked the deceased with a chopper in Sai Wah Ho Market.

Detective Inspector W. N. Darrin's request for 72 hours remand for further enquiries was granted.

COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN FINAL OUTCOME

THE MOMENTOUS military events of the past week have had a tremendous effect throughout Egypt.

Egyptians have always believed that Egypt's fate was linked closely with Britain's. During recent months, however, they have had to face a tendentious whispering campaign inaugurated by the thousands of Italians living freely in the country and abusing its hospitality, and deliberately circulating reports calculated to sow distrust of the Allies.

Nevertheless the Egyptians remained steadfast in loyalty to the Allies.

Examples of Italian underground activity reveal the arrogance of the Italian colony.

Many in recent months have even refused to pay their rent, telling their landlords that any action against them would be useless as it was only a matter of weeks before Graziani's victorious troops would enter the country.

Immediate reaction to the British successes in the Western Desert is manifested in the wave of confidence throughout the country.

Pilgrims For Mecca

A small example of this is the fact that 40 Moslems on Saturday registered with the Government as intending pilgrims to Mecca. This number exceeds all those who registered up to then.

Newspapers in Cairo continue to display reports from the Western Desert under banner headlines.

Representative of the opinion of the entire Arabic press, "Al Ahram" declares: "The British success proves that the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty is a necessity for safeguarding the country's integrity. There is no doubt that the week's events have strengthened

in the greatest degree Anglo-Egyptian friendship."

The inhabitants of Cairo are expressing the greatest jubilation.

General Wavell on Saturday drove to the Gezira Club for a race meeting and was loudly cheered by Egyptians and foreigners alike. — Reuter.

DOCTOR PRISONER OF WAR

Dr. J. H. T. Challis, of the London Hospital, who was posted missing while serving with the R.A.M.C., is a prisoner of war.

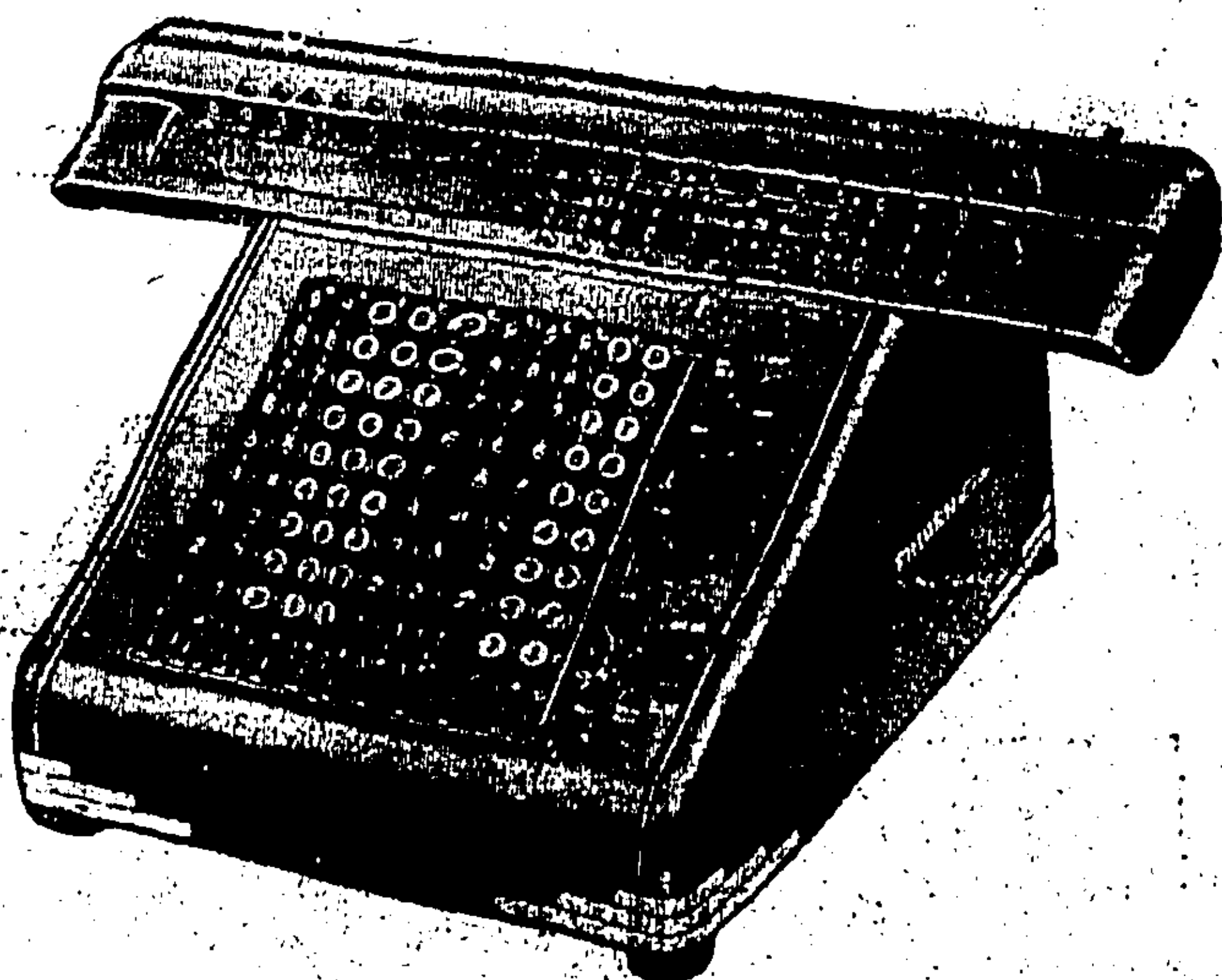
Dr. Challis is the anaesthetist who, last September, flew with Mr. H. S. Souttar, the Harley Street surgeon, to Bombay, where they attended a woman relative of the Maharajah of Nepal. They travelled about 12,000 miles.

SERIOUS LOSS

While travelling from the Tung On Wharf to No. 121, Thomson Road, Wanchai, between 1.20 p.m. and 2.45 p.m. yesterday, Kwan Yu-kee lost or had stolen from his pocket, \$1,100, two \$500-notes and one \$100-note.

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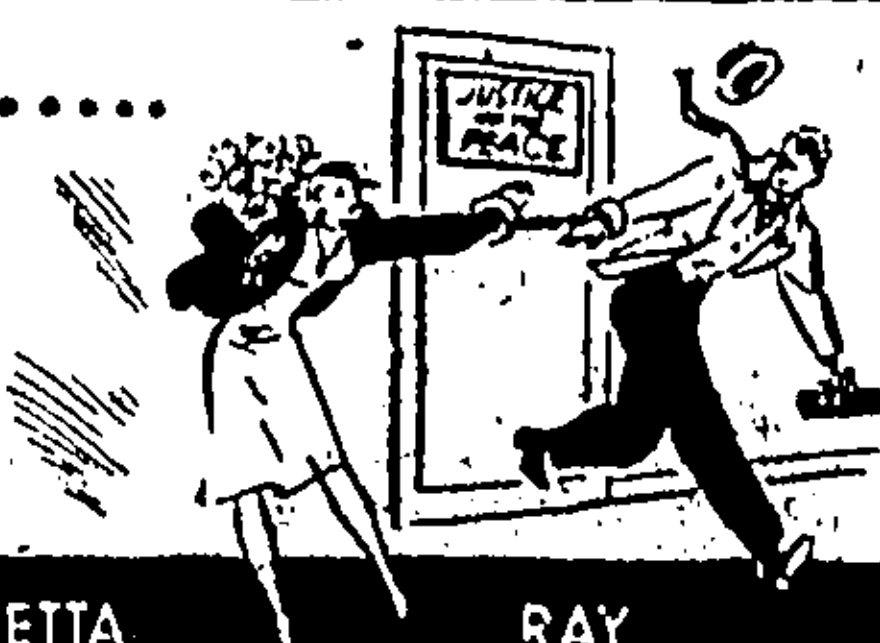
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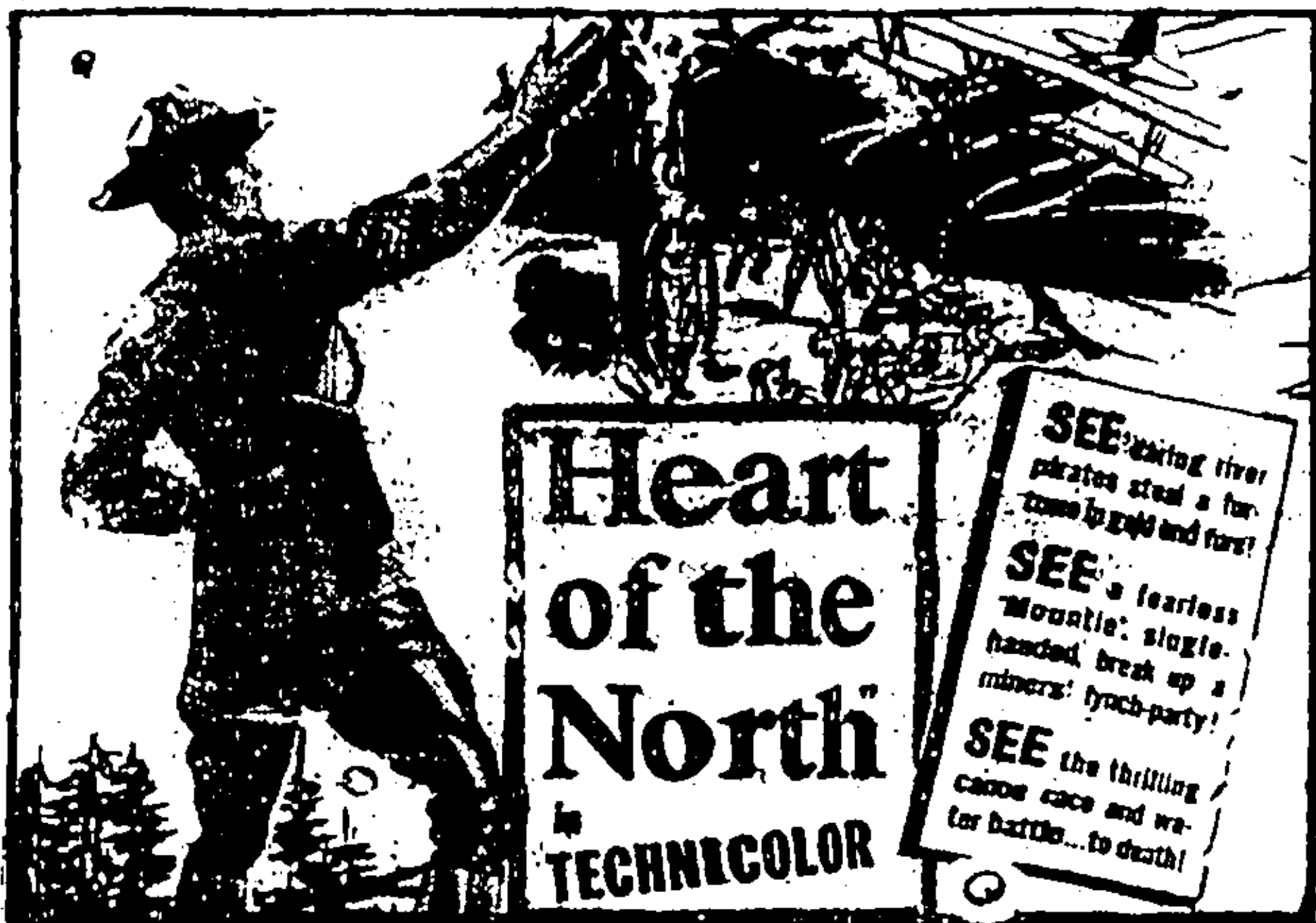
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GERMANY WORRIED ABOUT THE RESCUE OF ITALY

THE GERMAN PRESS, which for weeks has maintained an exaggerated indifference to the plight of the Italians, yesterday assured the German people that all would come right in the end.

Thus, the "Voelkische Beobachter" said that "in German opinion, the situation in Greece and Egypt gives no ground for anxiety."

BERT GOT HIS CAB THROUGH

(By A Correspondent)

Worthy of their fellows in other parts of the country where bombs have fallen, London's A.R.P. workers have shown their true value during the recent air raids.

After one of the most hair-raising trips in my life — an hour's ride in a taxicab in South London during the height of the bombing — I pay tribute to the unbelievable courage of London's A.R.P. services and to Albert Hackett, a typical Cockney taxi-cab driver.

Hackett under fire was as cool as a cucumber.

I chartered his cab in the West End. "Will you drive me to South London?" I asked him.

"Yus. 'Op in," he replied.

We made a detour to avoid the Elephant and Castle. Suddenly we ran into heavy and incendiary bombs.

Men of the A.R.P. sprang on to the running boards of my taxicab, which they commandeered, and directed us to where the incendiaries had fallen.

The men, in teams of three, with a stirrup pump, attacked a bomb. Some were made harmless in less than a minute.

Cab Roof Goes

Hackett and I were allowed to operate a pump and we put out our fires in good time.

Then came further showers of 'Molotov breadbaskets.'

Ten minutes later, we had our narrowest escape. A plane skimmed the top of a barrage balloon and dropped a bomb so near that the roof of the cab was blown off and the cab rocked.

For the first time Hackett let off steam in real Billingsgate. But after examining his cab he went on driving as well as ever.

I last saw him taking home a group of dazed bank clerks who had lain in a gutter with their arms over their heads when a high explosive bomb struck the road 25ft. away from them.

MARRIED UNDER AN ARMED GUARD

An interned Austrian has been married with an armed escort at his side, had a two-hour honeymoon and went back to an internment camp.

He was Dr. George Zak, a twenty-six-year-old Austrian refugee, who was married at Hampstead Register Office to Miss Ilse Sachs, aged twenty-four, a German subject of Adamson Road, Hampstead.

There was a small private wedding breakfast at a friend's home. A friend told a reporter "Dr. Zak and his bride first met in Vienna, where she was a student in his hospital. They have been engaged for some time."

The paper adds that "this estimate is made with full knowledge of Italian war potential."

The paper poses the question: Are the Italians to be worn down more quickly than the Germans? Lest any readers might be tempted to think of several reasons for answering "yes," the paper quickly adds another question: — Do the English really believe that Germany will merely look on while Italy is worn down?

The paper scoffs at the English for thinking that because Germany has not intervened she will leave Italy in the lurch.

"Military matters receive sober thought in Germany," says the Nazi newspaper.

Germany's Problem

In London, of course, it has long been realised that Germany cannot afford to leave Italy in the lurch and that the only thing that has delayed Hitler has been the difficulty of helping Italy without involving the Axis as a whole. In even more disastrous consequences, a great deal of thought — sober or otherwise — must have been spent in Berlin on the problem of aid for Italy.

But the Germans now seem to have found it impossible to lie any longer that nothing has gone wrong, and so the Nazi press has been put up to say: —

There is no cause for anxiety. If there is, Germany will put it right. If things do go very wrong for Italy in the Western Desert and Italy cannot be aided by Germany, it will not really matter as the whole affair is of no importance, anyhow! — Reuter.

M. LAVAL'S ARREST

THERE HAS BEEN NO MENTION OF THE CHANGE OF FLANDIN FOR LAVAL OVER GERMAN-CONTROLLED RADIO STATIONS IN OCCUPIED FRANCE.

It is now reported that M. Laval was arrested even before the announcement of his dismissal. His house has been taken over and his papers searched. — Reuter.

WELFARE OF BOMBED EVACUEES

The Minister of Health, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, in a broadcast yesterday, praised householders in reception areas for the way in which they are ensuring the welfare of evacuees from bombed areas during the winter.

Mr. Macdonald said that in one civil defence region which has borne some of the brunt of the peaceful invasion of mothers and children, some 200 large houses have been lent by owners or requisitioned as hospitals, nurseries, maternity homes and so on. Over 100 village halls in this area are in use as mother's clubs, communal feeding centres, etc., and over 1,200 smaller houses have been taken over.

"The miracle by which the vast majority (of evacuees) are settling down with tolerable comfort in strange surroundings has been performed by the resourcefulness and kindness of tens of thousands of householders, voluntary workers and officials. These householders and helpers are playing an essential part in the historic defence of Britain." — British Wireless.

TREASURY CONTROL OF SECURITIES

THE TREASURY ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT IN CONTINUATION OF THE POLICY ALREADY IN OPERATION A FURTHER GROUP OF AMERICAN DOLLAR SECURITIES HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE TREASURY BY A VESTING ORDER UNDER THE DEFENCE REGULATIONS.

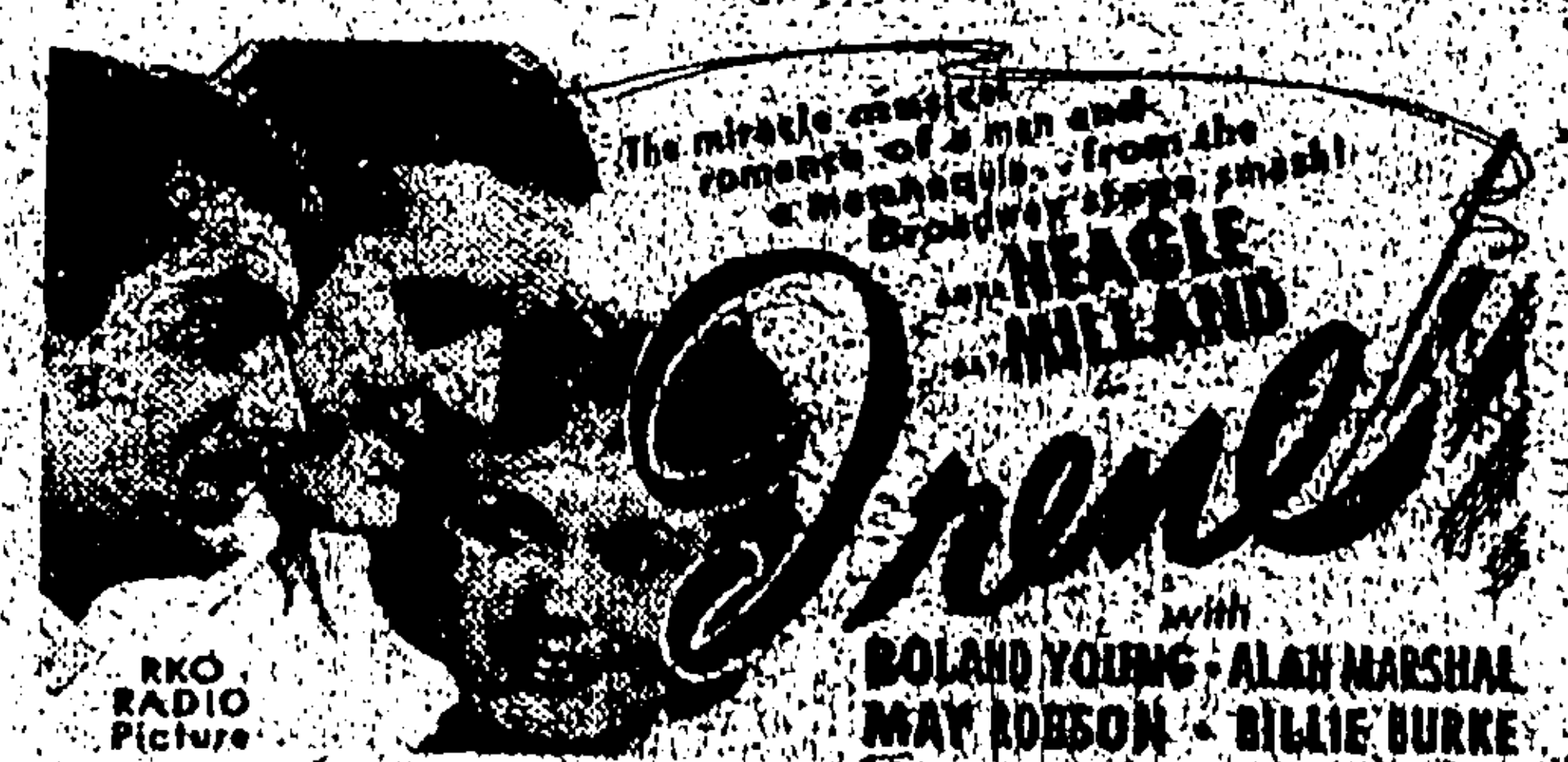
The new Order sets out sterling prices to be paid by the Treasury in arriving at these prices allowance has been made for the fact that one month will elapse from the date of acquisition orders to the due date of payment.

Arrangements have been made whereby whole or part of the amount payable may be subscribed to two and half per cent. National War Bonds 1945/7 (Bank of England or Post Office issues) or three per cent. Defence Bonds (Post Office issue).

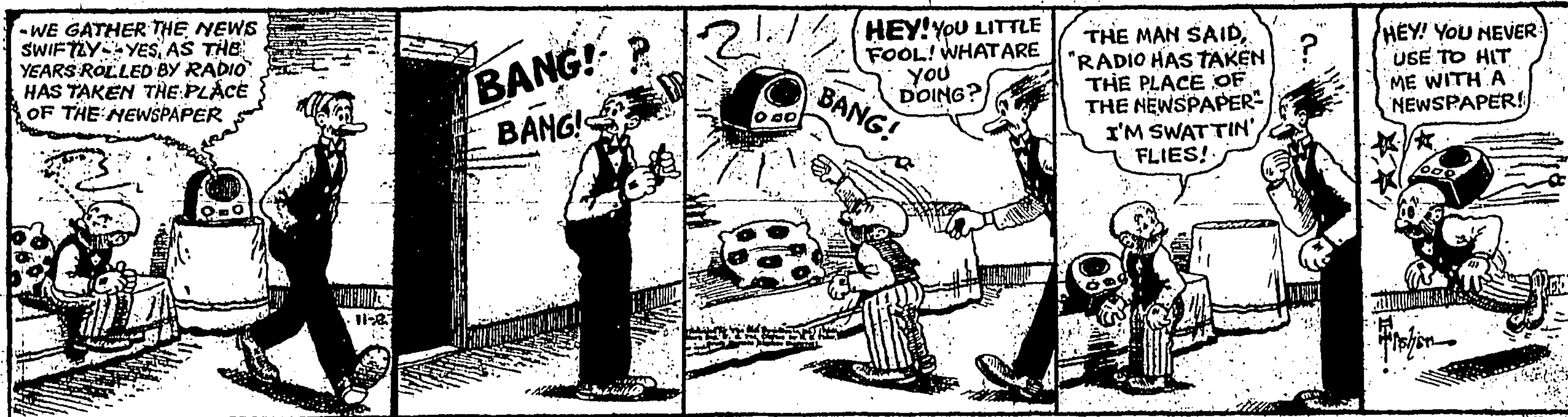
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The Nerve Centre

In Germany, all goods train services are based on and regulated by the work of the marshalling yard, on which wagons, loaded and empty, converge from all parts of the system to be made up into trains and despatched to their various destinations.

Hamm is thus the nerve centre of German rail transport.

Dislocation which occurs every time British raiders attack the yards, spreads like paralysis throughout the country and beyond. Congestion at this already overtaxed yard makes itself felt among German armies at the Channel ports, and in 500 to 1,000 factories and works in Germany.

Apart from the great congestion caused by alarms, immense damage has also been caused to tracks, switches and sidings, as well as to supplies waiting in the yards.

It would need an army of track-layers and salvage workers to clear the lines and repair the permanent way after each attack, but next night the raiders come over again and congestion builds up anew.

NOCTURNAL PARIS INTERMENT

The remains of the Duke of Reichstadt, son of Napoleon I and the Empress Marie-Louise, which have been transferred to Paris from Vienna, were placed next to Napoleon's tomb in the Invalides in an elaborate midnight ceremony, according to the German-controlled Paris radio yesterday.

The coffin arrived at the Gare de l'Est escorted by German soldiers bearing torches late on Saturday evening, and was taken to the Invalides on a gun-carriage.

Anti-aircraft guns fired a salute while German guards carried the coffin to the entrance where, at 1 a.m., the German Ambassador formally made it over to Admiral Darlan, representing Marshal Pétain.

French Municipal Guards then carried the coffin into the chapel and draped it with the tricolour at the foot of Napoleon's tomb. —Reuter.

HOTEL INCIDENT

Lam Kwok-ki, 22, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, with demanding money with menaces, from Miss Lai Shuet-mui; and with assaulting her in the Luk Kwok Hotel on August 31.

According to Sergeant J. Bentley, the girl was a lift-operator in the Luk Kwok Hotel. On August 31, defendant went into the lift, and demanded a dollar from Miss Lai Shuet-mui, and with assaultment, when she refused. She was detained in hospital for a week as a result of the attack.

Defendant, who was arrested yesterday, was remanded for 24 hours for further enquiries.

COLLISION IN THE HARBOUR

A collision between Police Motor-boat No. 12, and steam launch "Tai Ku Yeung," belonging to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, occurred on Saturday near No. 14 buoy. The motor-boat was slightly damaged but no-one was injured.

REVOLVER FOUND

An unlicensed fish-hawker, Li Yiu, 46, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, with unlawful possession of a revolver at No. 74, Stanley Street, second floor.

Defendant was remanded for 48 hours for further enquiries.

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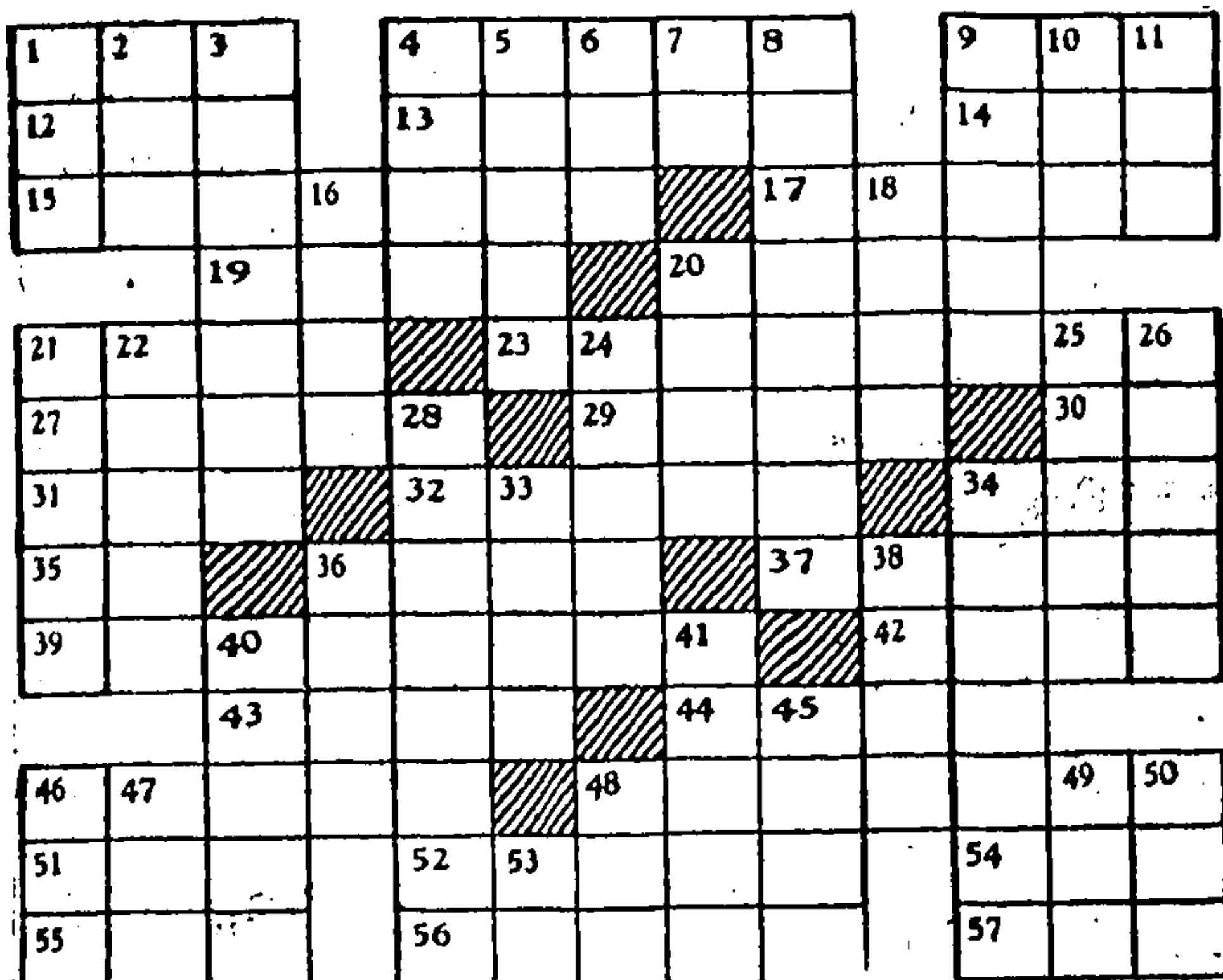


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- 4 Ancient country in S. Asia
- 9 Embur
- 12 Peruvian tuber
- 13 To excite to vigorous action
- 14 New Zealand kiwi
- 15 Exalted
- 17 To obscure
- 19 Island
- 20 Edible mollusk
- 21 Sacred Buddhist language
- 23 Unmarried person
- 27 Incident
- 29 Path
- 30 Symbol for oil
- 31 Conquered
- 32 Warehouse
- 34 Hebrew letter
- 35 Teutonic deity
- 36 To forbode
- 37 To dip into a liquid suddenly
- 38 Mischievous prank

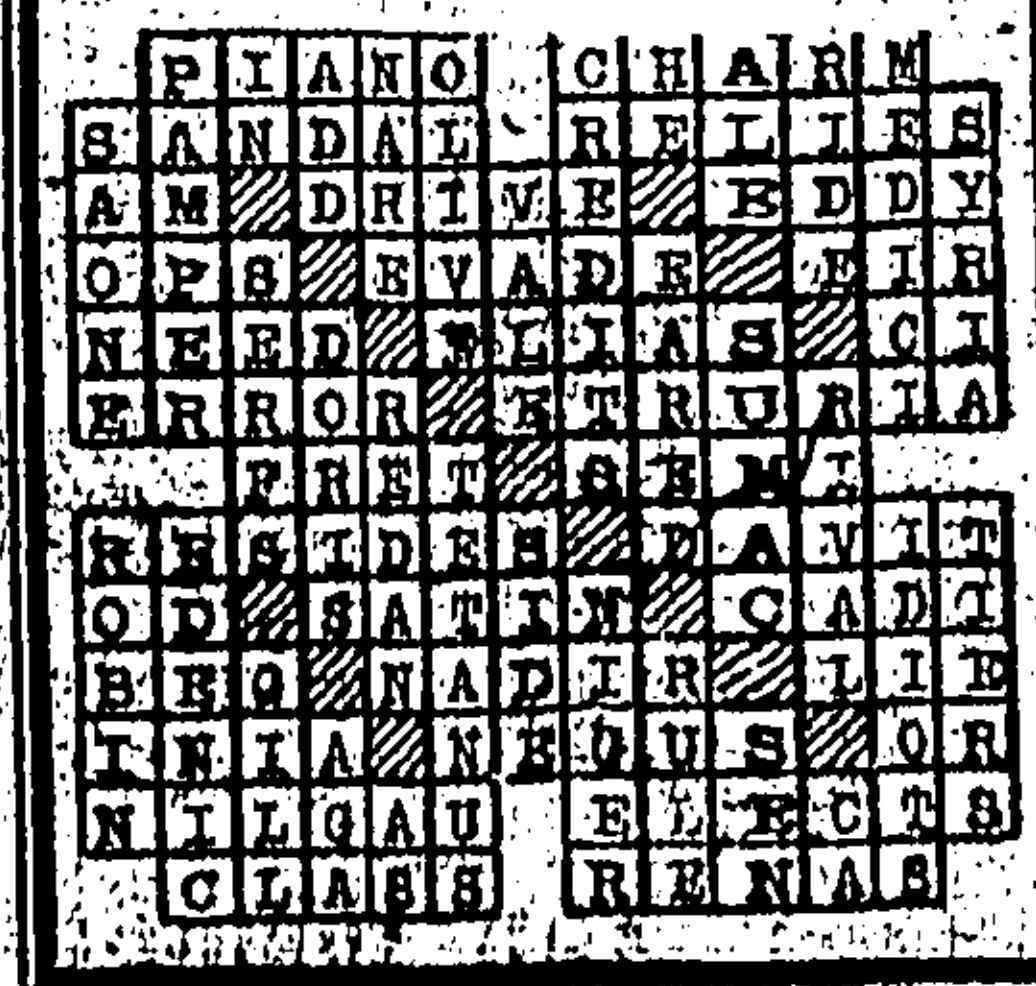
VERTICAL

- 2 Cattle genus
- 3 French coin
- 3 Splashed gently
- 4 Seed covering
- 5 Ludicrous
- 6 Tip
- 7 Since
- 8 Refuses

9 Scent

- 10 French coin
- 11 Owned
- 16 Reposed
- 18 Sorceress queen
- 20 To applaud
- 21 Volcano in Martinique
- 22 Says
- 24 African antelope
- 25 To drink in honour of
- 26 Dwarf
- 28 Storm
- 33 To rend
- 34 Disturbance
- 35 Kill for
- 36 drying hops
- 38 Rowing implements
- 40 Tending to spiral
- 41 Growing out
- 43 Crude metal
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- 47 To lubricate
- 48 Cavity
- 49 Scotch for "no"
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ACCUSED IN POST OFFICE CASE JUMPS BAIL

TWO POSTMEN, Leung Fook-lun and Lam Sik-yue, were charged in connection with the theft of letters from the General Post Office before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

First accused was charged with inciting Mak Sui-wan to steal letters in the course of transmission through the post, and second accused with stealing five letters.

Mr. J. Murphy, assisted by Mr. D. Fitches, Superintendent of Mails, conducted the prosecution and the following composed the jury:—Messrs. R. C. Wallace (foreman), Wong Dai-lam, Y. A. Razack, A. A. Wan, L. B. Gomes, F. M. Garcia and C. Bennett.

Ma Wal-man, who was also charged on various counts, failed to appear. His bail of \$1,000 was estreated and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Story Of Plot

Mr. Murphy said that at about 5 p.m. on November 1, Mak Sui-wan was sorting letters in the Post office when first accused asked him to tea. Mak accepted and met Leung at an appointed time in a tea house. Leung asked Mak as to his financial position, and Mak said he was very badly off and that his salary was not enough to meet household expenses. Leung then told Mak that he had a clever friend and if Mak was brave enough, the friend would tell him of a plan to make money.

Later they met again in Queen's Road West and Leung told Mak that if he was agreeable to come in on the plan they were to meet in a cafe the following day.

Mak kept the appointment, where he saw accused and another man, Ma Wal-man. Ma outlined the scheme and told Mak that as soon as the Air Mail arrived he was to put 10 letters in two envelopes and hand them to Ma who would do the rest.

It was agreed that Ma should receive 70 per cent of the proceeds, Mak 25 per cent and Leung 5 per cent.

Went To Superior

Mak agreed to all this, but wisely went to his immediate superior, Lo Pak-wai, the Chinese Superintendent of Mails and told him what had happened.

He was given certain instructions and on November 8 Leung went to Mak's house and discussed things. He told Mak that there had been a delay in the air mail which should have arrived the previous day. Leung told Mak that the plane was due the following day and gave Mak two envelopes to put the letters in. On his return to work, Mak handed them to Lo Pak-wai.

The same evening, it was arranged that after Mak had stolen the letters he was to put them in the two envelopes and take them to the Peak Tram Station where Ma would meet him.

Mak told Mr. Lo Pak-wai of all these arrangements. On November 12, Mak received two envelopes from Mr. Lo Pak-wai with letters. He left the

Post office and outside scratched his head—the prearranged signal that he had the letters. Mak and Leung went to Blake Pier and boarded a bus. They got off at the Peak Tramway Station. Mak went to a hawkers' stall and Ma was seen near the flower stall. Ma approached Mak and asked for the letters, which were handed over. Two detectives thereupon arrested Ma.

Five Letters Found

The party were taken to a boarding house and here Mak phoned to Leung saying that Ma had something urgent to tell him. Leung said he was busy but arranged for a meeting at Jubilee Street. On his arrival he was arrested.

Ma's house in Chiu Lung Street was searched and five air mail letters, which had arrived the previous day were found. Some of these contained drafts and cheques.

On the information of Ma, Lam Sik-yue, second accused, was sent for and questioned by Mr. Fitches, and admitted stealing the letters.

When charged, Leung said that he introduced Ma to Mak and Ma incited Mak to steal letters. Second accused admitted he stole the letters.

VICHY TAKES OVER SHIPPING

THE CIE. GENERAL TRANS-ATLANTIQUE, THE GREAT FRENCH SHIPPING LINE, HAS NOW BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE VICHY GOVERNMENT, AS A RESULT OF A VICHY CABINET MEETING UNDER MARSHAL PETAIN YESTERDAY MORNING.

In future, the company's chairman will be nominated by the State and of the 10 directors, eight will be nominated by the Government and two by shareholders. — *Reuter*.

IGNORED WARNINGS

Alleged to have ignored several previous warnings against sailing near the naval dockyard, a 40-year-old junk mistress was fined \$7, or seven days' imprisonment by Commander J. Jolly, Acting Harbour Master, in the Marine Court this morning, for approaching within 100 yards of the Royal Naval Camber on Saturday.

QUICK-CHANGE CAMOUFLAGE COAT FOR AEROPLANES

A new lacquer enamel which will enable a quick change in camouflage for military aircraft has been developed by a firm of American paint makers.

The enamel can be washed off quickly with a special solvent. Camouflage colours may thus be changed daily to conform to the terrain over which the plane is to fly. — *Associated Press*.

D.F.C. FOR POLISH PILOTS

Four pilots of a Polish fighter squadron of the R.A.F., which played such an important part in the defence of London in September, were yesterday decorated with the D.F.C. by the Air Officer Commanding the Fighter Command, Air Marshal W. Sholto Douglas.

A fifth D.F.C. was awarded posthumously to the pilot who had been killed in action.

Altogether these five pilots have destroyed 44 German aircraft and severely damaged others.

This is the first occasion a Polish squadron has received British decorations for gallantry. The pilots have also been awarded the "Virtuti Militari" — highest Polish award for valour.

Air Marshal Douglas, addressing the squadron, said: "The R.A.F. is proud to have its Polish comrades, whose deeds are known throughout the whole force. I hope your squadron will do well in the months to come. I look forward to the victory of our cause and to a free independent Poland."

During September the squadron shot down more than 100 German aircraft. — *British Wireless*.



STAYING OUT

There are irrepressible optimists and wishful thinkers in Britain and elsewhere who are confident that Soviet Russia will sooner or later come into the war as an enemy of Germany and Italy. On the other hand, there are pessimists who persist in the belief that Stalin is doing all he can to help Hitler and Mussolini to escape defeat. Both schools of thought cling to their theories in spite of every pronouncement in Moscow reaffirming Russia's determination to remain neutral. In a statement by the President of the Supreme Soviet on the 23rd anniversary of the October Revolution, he emphatically declared that Russia would stay out of the war. But she could not be an indifferent bystander. Soviet subjects were urged to strengthen the economic and military might of their country and strive to fortify it for "the struggle for Communism." Since then it is obvious that Soviet policy caused Hitler to drop his Bulgarian adventure like a hot brick.

Nevertheless, it can be said with some degree of accuracy that only one thing is certain in regard to Russia's future policy; and that is its underlying principle of security. If Britain and the Axis powers could fight each other to a standstill and be utterly exhausted by the struggle, the outcome would suit Soviet Russia admirably. The problem of her security, already partly tackled by means of easy annexations, would then be automatically solved. The distress and chaos created by a long war would also provide receptive soil for Communist propaganda. And Stalin would be well pleased. This is the most reasonable interpretation of the Russian enigma. If it is a correct reading of Moscow's future policy, it emphasises the need for achieving an early victory against Hitlerism and having a definite plan for social and economic reconstruction after the war.

Dr. George Glasgow, contributor on foreign affairs to the "Contemporary Review," discusses the war from the point of view of religion and Christianity. He writes:—

THE British Foreign Secretary and the Commander-in-Chief of the British armed forces have broadcast pronouncements which roughly and fairly may be described as sermons, such as would not disgrace a Christian pulpit. Let those who point a finger of scorn at what they may regard as this new manifestation of British hypocrisy, suspend their judgment, and themselves beware lest they rashly presume to pronounce on matters they do not fully understand.

It has become a quick and clear possibility that a cause, which started as a sordid defence of material spoils against marauding rivals whose moral title to them, if they could get them, was in the crudely essential sense no less exalted than our own, has been transformed into a true crusade, imposed on us against our will and even at first without our conscious knowledge.

Those hard intellectuals whose vision is bounded by what their material brain opens to them, do not in fact see far. In cricket the unexpectedness may be fortuitous. In the life of man the unexpectedness is equally apparent as a contingency, but by contrast is the manifest means to an ordered plan: ordered not by man alone.

The pure intellectual is nearly always wrong in his judgment of

future probability, no matter how deeply fortified his judgment may be by knowledge of worldly facts. There are tramps, who read no books, whose interpretation of what is at present taking place rings truer than that of many pundits: as those who talk to tramps may discover for themselves.



A Clear Transgression

The domination of one race, one society of human beings, by another, is a clear transgression of reason and of Christian principle. Very well, it has become no longer possible. The poor mind of man is helpless beside the overriding spiritual truths, which through human agency, but against human intention, keep the human race in the long run on the right lines; correct its faults; restore its predestined direction.

As the corrective and restorative process is consummated, we are presented with the glorious spectacle of the Foreign Secretary and the Commander-in-Chief of the armies (for instance) of Great Britain, though they be the very symbols of the former policies of imperialist conquest, now uttering unaccustomed truths which symbolise instead the new world into which we are passing. The religious note that now rings through the utterances of politicians in the democratic countries is the greatest portent of the times.

Lord Halifax, broadcasting to the nation, enunciated a principle of the Christian faith. He said, for instance: "Where will God lead us? Not, we may be sure, through easy or pleasant paths. That is not His way. He will not help us to avoid our difficulties. What He will do is to give to those who humbly ask the spirit that no dangers can disturb. The Christian message to the world brings peace in war; peace where we most need it; peace of soul. It is that same Christian message which makes its Giver, Who is God, the best Friend with whom a man can share life or death."

"Those of us who cannot serve in the armed forces must all do our best in other ways to help them. I'm sure we shall. And there is one thing we can all do, soldiers, sailors, airmen, and civilians, men, women and children all together, which may be much more powerful than we know. And this is to pray. But prayer is not only asking God for what we want, but rather the way to learn to trust Him, to ask that we may know His Will, and do it with all our strength. If we can really do our work, whatever it is, as well as we can in God's sight it will become His work, and we can safely leave the issue in His hands."



Deserted The Churches

Lord Gort, giving an address in the B.B.C. evening service said:

Where Does Portugal Stand To-Day?

With the war in the Mediterranean area reaching a new phase, added importance is attached to Portugal.

The foreign policy of this nation of 7,000,000 whose colonial empire of 800,000 square miles—23 times as big as the mother country—is being coveted by Germany, Italy and Spain, has indicated that Portugal seeks the middle of the road.

Only recently a "mutual consultation and assistance pact" was signed with General Franco's government. Some 18,000 Portuguese have fought for General Franco and Portugal's Prime Minister, Dr. Oliveira Salazar, favoured the Spanish revolution as long as the fighting was directed against the Communists. But he became uneasy when the alliance with the Axis seemed to be closer than he liked it.

The recent pact again was less proof of deep friendship between the State of General Franco and the State of Dr. Salazar than a hint to both Germany and Great Britain that "protection" might not be welcome. A balance of Portugal's foreign policy is apparent in its alliance with England.



No British Request

In a speech before the National Assembly, Dr. Salazar said on October 9, 1939, that Britain had not asked any help from Portugal, although the latter would have been obliged to enter the war on England's side by virtue of the existing alliance between the two countries.

He expressed the hope, however, that peace might be preserved, "unless the dignity or interests of the nation, or other obligations, force us to go to war. He did not fail to reiterate "our sincere feeling of friendship for England," adding that "it would not be fair if we failed to stress the adherence to our alliance."

In the same speech Dr. Salazar made public that Germany had guaranteed Portugal's independence and the integrity of the Portuguese colonial empire.

But this balanced policy, between Britain and Germany, no matter how well it is working at the present time, has to ally Portugal's uneasiness over the fact that this country, with its enormous overseas possessions and other assets, would constitute a rich prize for any aggressor nation. For this reason Portugal, despite many internal gains which have marked it as one of Europe's most progressive states, is uneasy

lest these very gains be shattered by external developments.



Financial Progress

One of the most important of these gains which Portugal has made in the past 12 years is finance.

In a world where debts are mounting and most of the European nations are living far above their means, Portugal has become an exception by returning to a sound economic system. This is seen best by the fact that within 76 years, from 1852 to 1928, the nation had but two balanced budgets. All the others accumulated. The expenditure, for instance, in 1926-27, exceeded the country's revenues by about 40 per cent. During the administration of Dr. Salazar, however, Portugal has managed to keep expenditures just a little bit under the revenues. A few weeks ago this process was crowned when the whole foreign debt of about 27,000,000 English pounds was converted into an internal debt.

The principal method by which Dr. Salazar has accomplished this feat in balancing the budget has been through heavy taxation, and by bringing the nation's banking system more or less under direct government control.



Professor's Methods

The fact that Dr. Salazar has accomplished this is no less noteworthy when it is considered that he was not originally a politician but a university professor. He came from a very poor family. His father was an innkeeper, and it was only through hard work that the younger Salazar managed to make his way through to a professorship in national economy at Coimbra University.

He had his own ideas about the Government's failings, and he voiced his opinions in newspaper articles and pamphlets which built up a circle of young people around him. When the Nation was in need, socially, economically and politically, the President of the Republic offered Dr. Salazar the post of Minister of Finance. The Professor refused on the grounds that he did not want to do an unsound job, collaborating with the old politicians who had dragged the country from one revolt of people and army to another.

He asked for full power. They refused to give it to him and he went home to his university stu-

dents. Soon afterwards, however, he was called upon again and his terms were met this time. He entered the cabinet as Minister of Finance in 1928 and in 1932 became not only Prime Minister, but Minister of Finance, of War, and of Foreign Affairs, combining the four most important offices in the government. As time went on, he became a virtual dictator.



New Constitution

The new Constitution the country received on March 19, 1933, gave him authority to manage the Nation's business. But practically the only point on which he has exercised anything approaching fanaticism is in regard to saving and putting the Nation's budget on a sound basis. A popular joke in Portugal suggested that Dr. Salazar had even taken over four Ministries in order to have the salary of three members of the Government.

He differs from other authoritarian rulers in other respects, too. All parties have been dissolved in Portugal and there exists but the National Union, a kind of patriotic organisation, open to any good citizen. In the matter of the persecution of minorities, Portugal's record is less sinister than that of some dictatorships. Communists have been severely dealt with, however.

A foreigner, coming to Lisbon, as this writer did two years ago, would get the impression that he is watched 24 hours a day. There seems to be one policeman for every citizen. One is told that they are "just a precaution," they have to see to it that nobody deviates from the Constitution. They are a peripatetic symbol of this compromise between democracy and Fascism.

The same middle road has been kept in every way. The Government has an eye on everything. It promotes exports, but sale of goods to foreign countries depends on a permission given only if home consumption needs have been met first. Dr. Salazar has little to say for the barter system and autarchy. Currency has been kept free of any restrictions and it was closely related to the pound sterling (110.10 escudos to one pound), until in last November the British currency lost value and the escudo was fixed to the United States dollar. Trade with the United States has gone up, too. Imports from this country almost doubled in 1939, exports remained steady. ("Christian Science Monitor").



A Surgeon's Operation

Obviously Hitler is being used, somewhat after the manner of a surgeon's knife, in an operation that is fashioning a better world and a better England; for his challenge was necessary before England (for instance) could be shaken out of her complacent and smug self-righteousness into a new and living consciousness of the elemental things such as were expressed by Lord Halifax and Lord Gort on the occasions above referred to.

On June 5 Herr Hitler, on the eve of the battle for France and on the morrow of the defeat of the Low Countries, issued a proclamation to the German people, ordering the church bells to be rung for three days, and adding: "May their ringing accompany the prayers which the German people will continue to offer for their sons, because this morning the German divisions, and air units have been assigned new tasks in the fight for the freedom and the future of our people."

Herr Hitler's conception of God's role in life is confined within the frontiers of Greater Germany. On July 19, making another of his fantastic paeans about German victories and God's part in them, he said: "It almost causes me pain to think that I should have been selected by fate to deal the final blow to the structure (namely, the British Empire) which these men (namely the British politicians) have already set tottering." Delivering final blows against those who resist his aggressions is Herr Hitler's supreme conception of God's work, as delegated to Herr Hitler, causing him pain by the sense of his responsibility.

His pain no doubt was eased by the "Sieghell" that immediately followed for "the guarantor of German victory" (the said guarantor now being Herr Hitler exclusively). Though he himself is blandly unaware of it, and even incapable of appreciating it, a man like Herr Hitler can indeed be used for God's purposes as the better world will one day realise. The rose needs the manure.

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THE DESTRUCTION OF A FURTHER 26 ENEMY AIRCRAFT IS RECORDED IN A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY R.A.F. HEADQUARTERS IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

The communique says British bombers steadily raided Italian landing grounds and aerodromes in the advanced area in the Middle East, and in addition, Bardia was selected for a particularly heavy attack.

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Following is the latest list of subscriptions received to date for credit of the British War Organisation Fund, Hong Kong Branch: Previously Acknowledged £100; \$617,956.27.
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CAMERA STOLEN

A camera, valued at \$175, belonging to Mr. Lai Kit-tai, was stolen from an office in King's Theatre Building yesterday.

About 50 Capronis were patrolling over Bardia but the British bombers persisted in the attack, causing heavy damage. Two enemy aircraft were destroyed at Derna and others severely damaged.

One fighter squadron alone accounted for 14 Savoias and four Capronis.

Three more Savoias and three Capronis were shot down by other squadrons.

From these operations only three of our aircraft failed to return safely but it is probable that at least one is safe on our side of the line.

Tripoli Attack

Grotone harbour was raided for the first time by our bombers on the night of Friday, and the same night Fleet Air Arm aircraft successfully attacked Tripoli, securing direct hits on two ships.

Incessant Patrol

Twenty-four of the 26 Italian planes destroyed during the day were shot down by our fighters, which maintained an incessant patrol in protection of advanced British troops.

Both in Bardia and Tobruk, fires were still burning from raids on the previous day.

Asmara, Gura, Zula and Darghilla, in Italian East Africa, were successfully raided.—Reuter.

"IT'S THE BOSS!"

When the King and Queen, after their all-night journey from London, were walking along the station platform, a soldier carrying his kitbag came suddenly face to face with the King.

"Why," he exclaimed, turning to some of his fellow-travelers, "It's the boss!"

Putting down his kit-bag the soldier joined in the cheering.

FRENCH CHIEFS' LIFE IN PRISON

M. Mandel's Mood 'Unbearable'

Accounts have reached Madrid of the daily lives of the French political prisoners at the Chateau Chazeron, near Clermont Ferrand. The prisoners are the three former Premiers, M. Reynaud, M. Daladier and M. Blum; the former Commander-in-Chief, Gen. Gamelin; and the former Minister of the Interior, M. Mandel.

M. Reynaud and M. Daladier indulge in cycling in the wooded grounds of the castle, but M. Blum, the latest arrival, has not yet found a hobby with which to while away the time.

M. Reynaud is described as being very depressed, but M. Daladier is very talkative and, it is said, will make "sensational revelations" when the trial is finally held at Rome.

Gen. Gamelin is devoting practically all his time to writing a book on strategy. He is described as the quietest of the group, though he is reported to have told his warders that he was not responsible for the events which brought about his downfall and that he was deceived in his generals.

Mandel Unruly

Mr. Mandel, who is suffering with his teeth, has already had three dentists at the castle, is described as the most unruly of the prisoners. He is said to adopt an arrogant attitude and to complain about his meals. "His mood, which is attributed to his teeth," says one source, "is always unbearable."

The castle is surrounded with a deep ditch and escape would seem impossible. The five prisoners occupy separate rooms.

According to the Paris correspondent of the paper, A.M.C., they have not received fresh letters though M. Daladier has been questioned by the tribunal.

SENTRY SHOT

UNKNOWN MAN

An unidentified man was shot dead by a military guard on duty in the Berlin-Hagenlands. The man, believed to have been a casual labourer and aged about sixty-five, failed to answer two challenges in a country road.

HUGE WAR BUDGET IN AUSTRALIA

Mr. Menzies, Australian Minister, yesterday gave the lie to a German broadcast that he was going to London to voice his dissatisfaction with British policy.

This is "typical of German propaganda," he said, and the answer was given in the Commonwealth Parliament last week when all Parties with one voice approved the £270,000,000 war budget.

"Hitler can rest assured," said Mr. Menzies, "that Australia, in indissoluble unity with Britain, will give a good account of herself in preparing for the battlefield."

It was announced yesterday that Australia is establishing a new arms factory in Queensland. It will cost £1,000,000 and employ 2,500 workers.—Reuter.

DEATH OF FAMOUS CONCERT SINGER

Madame Blanche Marchesi, the well-known oratorio and concert singer, died in London yesterday at the age of 77.

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PEOPLE LEFT their shelters to help evacuate a South-East London hospital hit by a bomb during a night air raid. The evacuation was completed in twenty-five minutes.

The volunteers — many of them women — helped to carry the patients from a ward near the bomb crater. "It was pretty hot at the time," a hospital official said. "Bombs and anti-aircraft gunfire could be heard all round."

"The work of the staff had been so well rehearsed," he added, "that it was not necessary to give orders. Everything went like clockwork."

Down Fire Escape

The bomb dropped in the main staircase, which was shattered, and patients in wards nearby — none of whom was injured — were carried down the fire escapes.

There was only one casualty, a doctor, who was trapped in a small room at the top of the building. A fireman brought him down a ladder and an operation was performed. His condition is satisfactory.

About half the patients in the hospital were air-raid victims. The hospital carried on bravely under difficulties. A fire, which was quickly put out, had been caused by the bomb, and the main supplies of gas and water were cut off. There was a limited emergency supply of water, and coal fires were lit for heat.

This hospital was one of three which were bombed in London during the night.

Brave Boys

A bomb also damaged the in-patients' department of a West London hospital.

In the hospital annexe were forty patients and the staff. Most of the patients were in wards on the ground floor.

A nurse said that the bomb shattered the front of the building, but no one was hurt. "Two nine-year-old boys among the patients behaved wonderfully," she said.

Patients fit enough to be moved were sent home, and the more serious cases were removed to other hospitals.

At the third hospital an oil bomb fell on a building used as a kitchen and mess-room. The hospital A.R.P. squad dealt with it quickly and no great damage was caused. A maternity home nearby was untouched.

The raiders swooped on one London borough four times in five hours. Two people were killed in a housing estate.

Two houses in a South-West London area were demolished by a bomb. Several injured people have been extricated from the debris, but it is feared that there were some fatalities.

Five Buried

A heavy bomb which fell on a business building in Central London did considerable damage to the two top floors. There were no casualties.

Families were made homeless and many shops were badly damaged when two high explosive bombs fell in a North London road. There were some casualties, but none fatal.

Every pane of glass within a quarter of a mile was shattered.

One house collapsed, burying the five occupants in the debris. Rescue squads got them out, and with the exception of bruises and scratches they were unhurt.

A sixth member of the family, a five-year-old boy, was blown out of the house by the force of the explosion, but he, too, was unhurt.

One of the bombs fell within 200 yards of a cinema, where 500 people had taken refuge in part of the building converted into a shelter.

A West London constable, on duty as an air raid warden, heard a crashing of brickwork after a bomb explosion and found the top of the cinema building had been demolished and stained glass windows broken.

The warden did not stay to think about his church, but helped to tackle a small fire with a suction pump, and called for the fire brigade to attend to another fire in a gas main.

BOMB ON SHELTER KILLS 14

People who had come from as far away as Tottenham, N., and the East End to what they considered the safety of an underground shelter in a western suburb of London, were killed and injured when the shelter received a direct hit by a bomb.

Twenty-four people were trapped in one of the five corridors of the shelter. Fourteen persons, including several children, were killed.

Fifteen hours after the bomb fell rescue squads were still digging. It was thought that one or two bodies might still be under the wreckage.

The shelter is in a big park, and a few yards from a main road. Four bombs straddled the road, one bomb fell half a mile from the park, one hit a corner of the shelter, and the other two fell in the park some distance from the shelter.

"My Daddy—"

When the bomb hit the shelter the concrete floor was buried to the top, and people were buried under the floor.

Fifty men of the local Home Guard helped A.R.P. squads to dig out the dead and injured in the darkness.

Raiding planes circled overhead.

Searchlights occasionally lit up the sky and splinters fell around the rescuers. Frequently the rescuers threw themselves to the ground as more bombs fell in the district.

An A.R.P. officer told a reporter of several pathetic scenes. One boy about nine, after receiving treatment for shock, said:

"My daddy saved me two weeks ago by lying on top of me. Now he is dead. My mummy was dead, too, but she is alive again."

The boy was one of several from bombed homes of the East End. His father was killed in the park shelter the previous day. His mother, rescued unconscious, was able to speak to the boy before she was taken to hospital.

Lovers Die

A young couple who were to be married next month were found dead in each other's arms.

One little boy, dazed but unhurt, kept on repeating: "Where are my mummy and daddy? And where's my brother?"

A girl of about six, picked up unhurt, smiled to an A.R.P. warden and said: "Has the 'All clear' come yet, mister?"

There were about 150 people in the shelter. Long after the bomb dropped many of them sat waiting the order to move.

RED MARSHALS' 31 DIAMONDS

Marshals of the Red Army are to wear a five-pointed star consisting of thirty-one diamonds in a gold and platinum mounting. — Reuters.

RAIDERS MAY BE BEATEN SOON

It is believed that secret inventions are bringing us near to the time when the Germans will lose so high a percentage of their night bombers that they may cease raiding.

Certain details of the new ground defences, including improved searchlights, gunnery prediction, and fuse setting, may soon be disclosed.

Prof. E. N. da C. Andrade, Scientific Adviser to the Ministry, gave details of some of the ingenious and sometimes comical notions of inventors who want to win the war.

The Death-Ray

"Death-ray and perpetual motion inventions are the most numerous," said Professor Andrade. "Each comes with his backer, like an old-fashioned prize-fighter."

"Most British inventors offer their ideas free but some foreigners have asked anything from £100,000 to £1,000,000 for their notions on winning the war."

Other suggestions were: To project a gaseous substance which would solidify into a jelly round the enemy, and deliver him up like chicken in aspic.

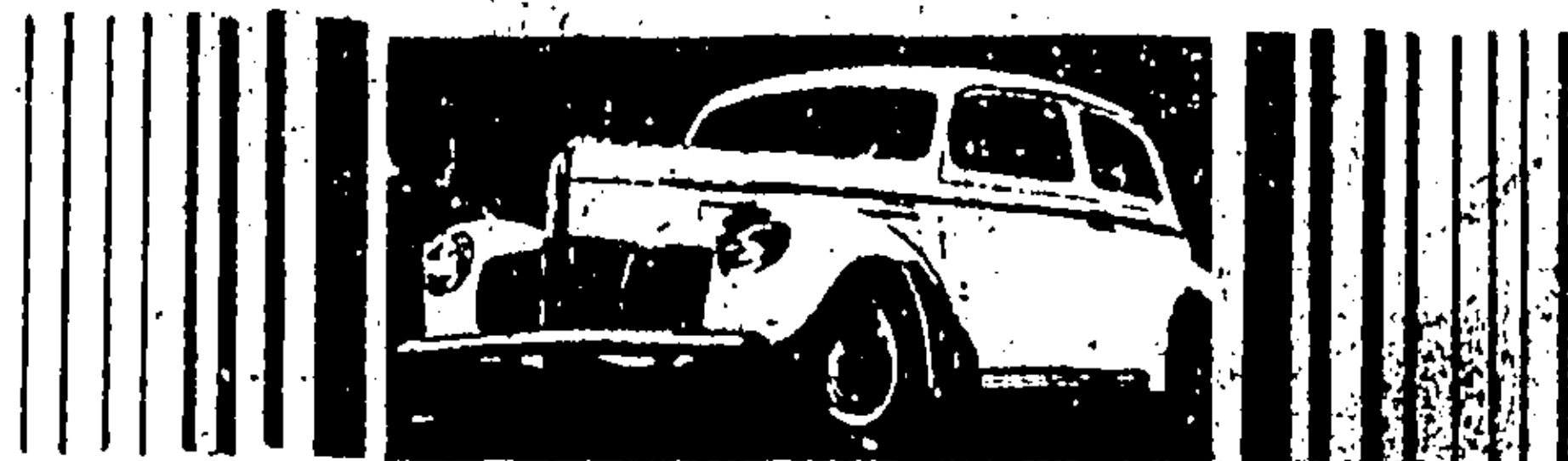
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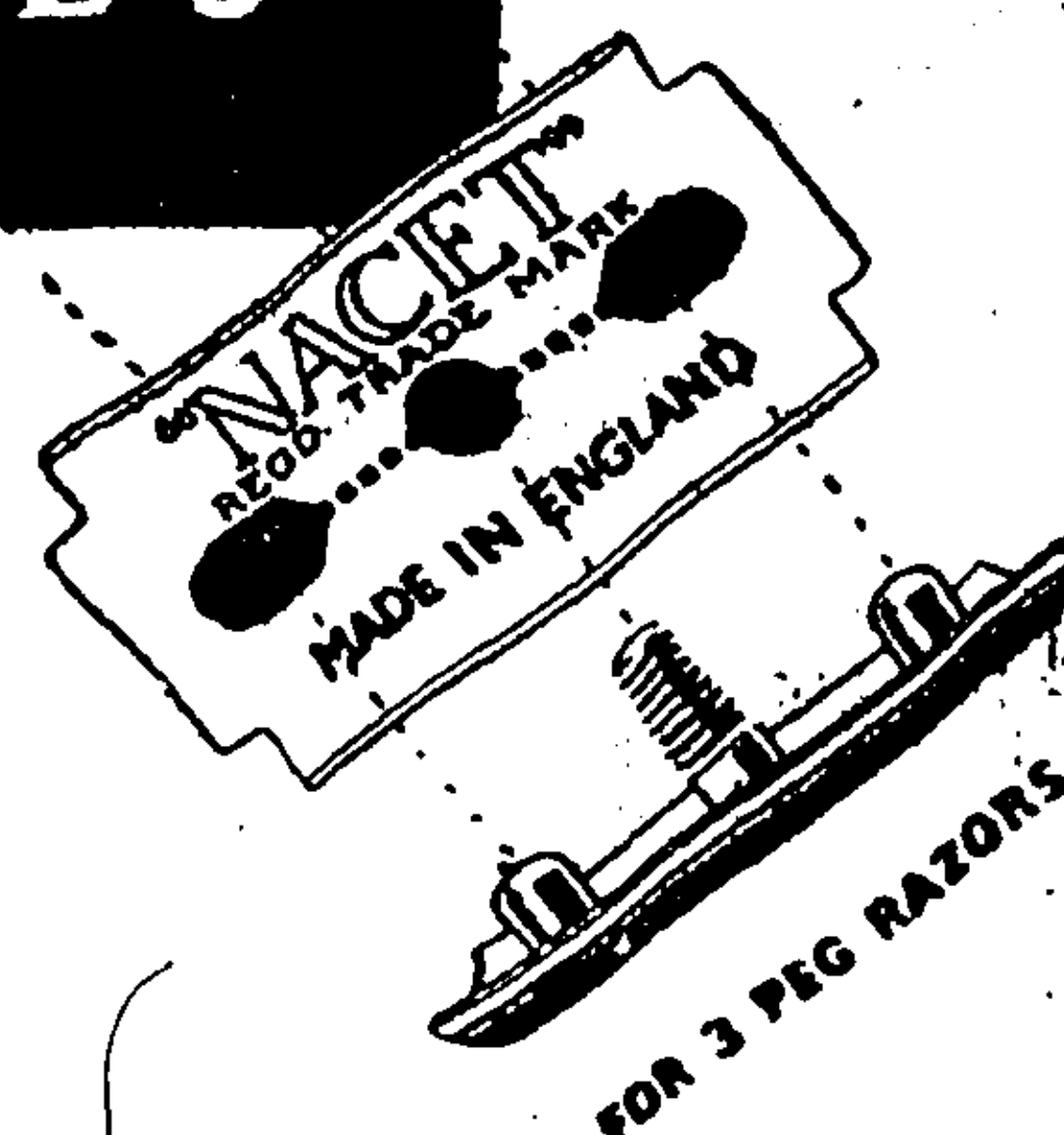


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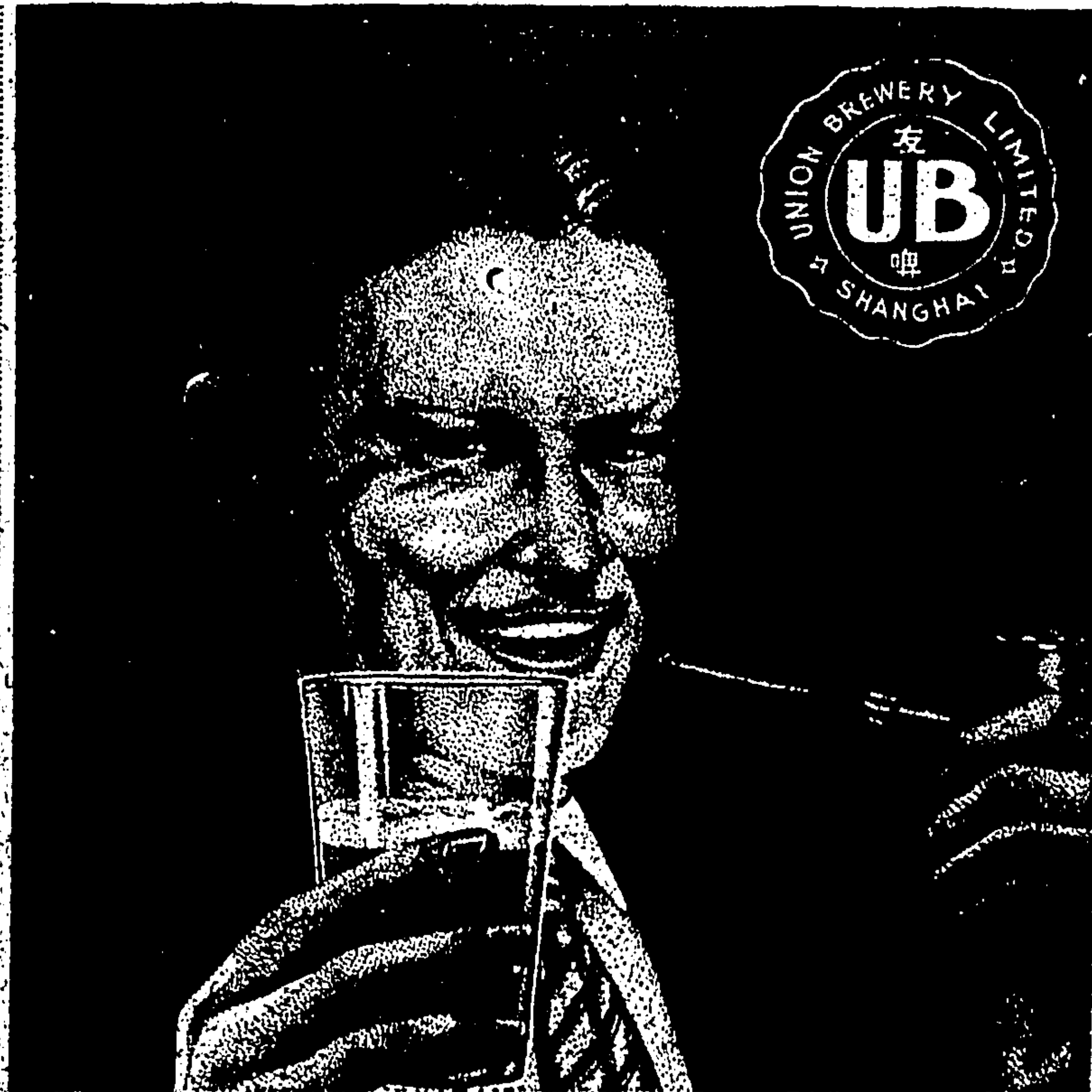
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PUTTING ON THE BRAKES

By The Four Aces

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North-South vulnerable
Duplicate Bridge

♠ 9 4 3
♥ J 6
♦ A Q 6
♣ K Q J 9 6

♠ J 7
♥ K 10 7 3
♦ J 6 2
♣ 10 7 6 3

♠ A A K Q
♥ 10 6
♦ 9 5 2
♣ 10 4

♠ 8 5 2
♥ A Q 8 4
♦ K 9 8 7 3
♣ A

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♣	1♠	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

North's hand, while no rock-crusher, was worth an opening bid. He expected to show his minimum strength by a rebid of one no-trump or two clubs — if South responded with one of a suit. But, as it happened, East made an overall and South had to bid two of his best suits. — And then

North was in trouble. He couldn't pass, since South's free bid was forcing. He couldn't bid two no-trump; for besides having no spade stopper, his hand was not nearly good enough for that strong rebid. He could, it's true, bid three clubs — the least encouraging bid available — but that would suppress the good fit in diamonds and risk a bad fit in clubs. — So North was compelled to bid three diamonds — a rather strong-sounding bid, inviting three no-trump. It was at his next turn that North found a chance to slow down. Instead of going to four diamonds, North bid four clubs. That permitted South to bid four diamonds; and at last North had a chance to pass. At many tables, with identical bidding up to that point, North bid four diamonds and South then went to five, hoping to find a doubleton spade in the North hand. These players got a bad score, of course, since they lost three spade tricks before they could even get started.

Saturday, what did you bid as dealer with the following hand:

♠ A K J 5
♥ Q 10 8 6 4
♦ A 9
♣ K 10

ANSWER: Bid one heart. With two suits of unequal length, you bid the longer suit first — provided that you are ready with a convenient rebid. Score 100% for one heart, 20% for one no-trump.

Question No. 590

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A K J 5
♥ Q 10 8 6 4
♦ A 9
♣ K 10

The bidding:

You	Schenken	Jacoby	Maler
1♥	Pass	INT	Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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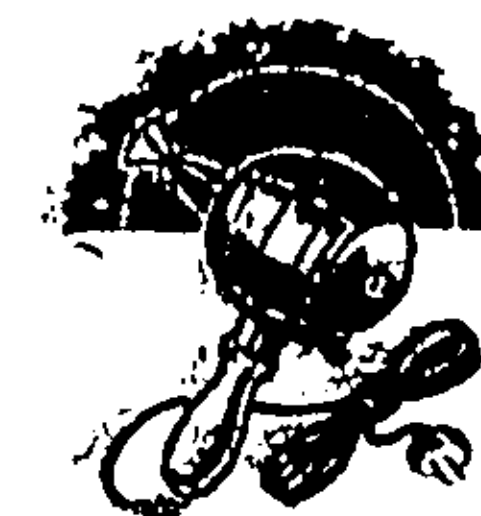
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By ED REED



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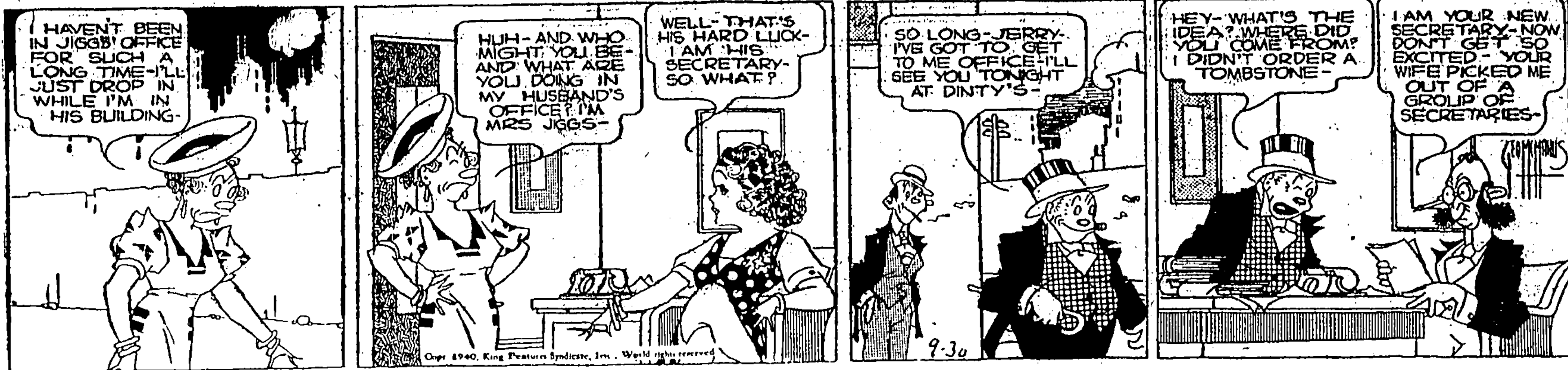
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN The Teaching Profession

THE other day a young woman came to see me who had just given up a responsible position as secretary in a business firm. She had given it up - not because she did not like it. Nor had she given it up because she had not been successful. On the contrary she had enjoyed it, had liked the mounting salary, and was considered, so I hear, an extremely able worker. But after thorough consideration and investigation she resigned to train for teaching.

It is so often the other way - teachers leaving to go into something else - that this deliberate choosing of a career in education is a refreshing change, writes M. Taylor in the "Christian Science Monitor."

What are some of the good things that will come her way in her newly-chosen career? First, one thinks of the joy of working with young people and children. To one who "belongs" there is no deeper satisfaction than this. Children and young people are so straight-from-the-shoulder. They demand sincerity, honesty of purpose; they hate sham. They so believe in friendship, and flower so satisfyingly under right conditions. These qualities are a constant challenge to all that is high and constructive and fine in one who works with them. If one approaches one's work with humility - and having charge of children carries with it so much power that one can approach it only with humility - one is the better man or woman for the experience of meeting the high demands of children and young people.

The President of the National Education Association in an article in a recent number of the N.E.A. Journal, quoted the list of requirements of a good teacher, as formulated by an organization of students.



The mentally sketched girl-friend thinks her beauty is going in for higher mathematics when he says he's been stretching a point all day to meet her on time.

These requirements are: physical vitality, mental vigour, moral discrimination, wholesome personality, helpfulness, knowledge, leadership. In the form of a pledge, these are some of the purposes that members of the F.T.A. set up for themselves:

"I will study daily to keep my mind active and alert; I will seek to know the right and to live by it; I will cultivate in myself goodwill, friendliness, poise, upright bearing, and careful speech. I will fill my mind with worthy thoughts by observing the beautiful world around me, by reading the best books, and by association with the best companions; I will make my influence count on the side of right, avoiding habits that weaken and destroy. These things: will I do now that I may be worthy the high office of teacher."

Yes, for the sake of children and youth, if not for our own sakes, the achieving of a fine character and good habits of thought and action is essential, and therefore among the blessings of teaching. Another challenge, accepted by any sincere educator, is actually to live democracy in order that it may be taught by example as well as precept. In other walks of life we might get along without accepting this challenge - but in good teaching, never.

And yet another satisfaction that belongs to teaching, is the joy of working with books, with ideas, with an emphasis on culture. Helping others to awaken to all this is in itself a priceless privilege.

If you have read Mary Ellen Chase's "A Goodly Fellowship" you have already added to my incomplete list another deep satisfaction - and that is fellowship with the grand people who are your co-workers, in your own school system and in the profession as a whole. It is indeed a "goodly fellowship." The old axiom about a prophet in one's own country, or "familiarity breeds contempt" may blind one at times to the excellence of one's own co-workers; but the fact remains that, as a class educators are unusually sincere, able people, willing to sacrifice much for high ideals, and doing a great piece of work.

Much is said about overworked and underpaid teachers, about the thanklessness of the job, about all the things that are wrong with it. Within the year a prize was given to a novel purporting to bring out the richness of the teacher's work, and I who know and love teaching, could not read it through, because the emphasis on the drab and the injustice and the wrong seemed to me so out of proportion. We need a truer picture of teaching than that. Mary Ellen Chase and Bliss Perry might give it to us in the novel field as they have done in the non-fiction field.

But a person, to love teaching has to be one who really "belongs" in it. It is a hard job. It is sometimes thankless. There are injustices, as in any other profession. It is underpaid - but no amount of gold could really pay what good teaching is worth. Yet it is, for the right person, a deep joy, an ultimate satisfaction.

If those who appreciate this, will express more freely their enthusiasm for teaching, perhaps more of those who should be teaching will realise where they really belong, and will take active steps to join the "Goodly Fellowship," as has the young friend who recently came to see me.

Fish Loaf That Tastes Like Chicken

By Dorothy Greig

THE last time we had fish loaf one of the guests remarked "this is certainly a delicious chicken loaf" - which made me smile a little.

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Another thing - the loaf is good served either hot or cold, and it slices neatly. Also, chilled and sliced thin, it makes a good substantial filling for sandwiches. Or cut into cubes it can be used for a main dish salad. This is how to make it:

- 1 can condensed chicken soup
- 1 can tuna fish (7 oz. size)
- 1½ cups soft bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon pimiento, chopped
- 1 tablespoon parsley, chopped
- 2 eggs.

Strain the rice, celery and chicken from the chicken soup. Combine them with the tuna fish (which has been put into a strainer and 1 cup of hot water poured over it) and put all through the food chopper. Then mix with the soft bread crumbs, the chicken soup, chopped pimiento, parsley and eggs. Put into a buttered loaf pan and bake in a moderate oven (350°) 45-60 minutes or until firm. Serves 4-5.

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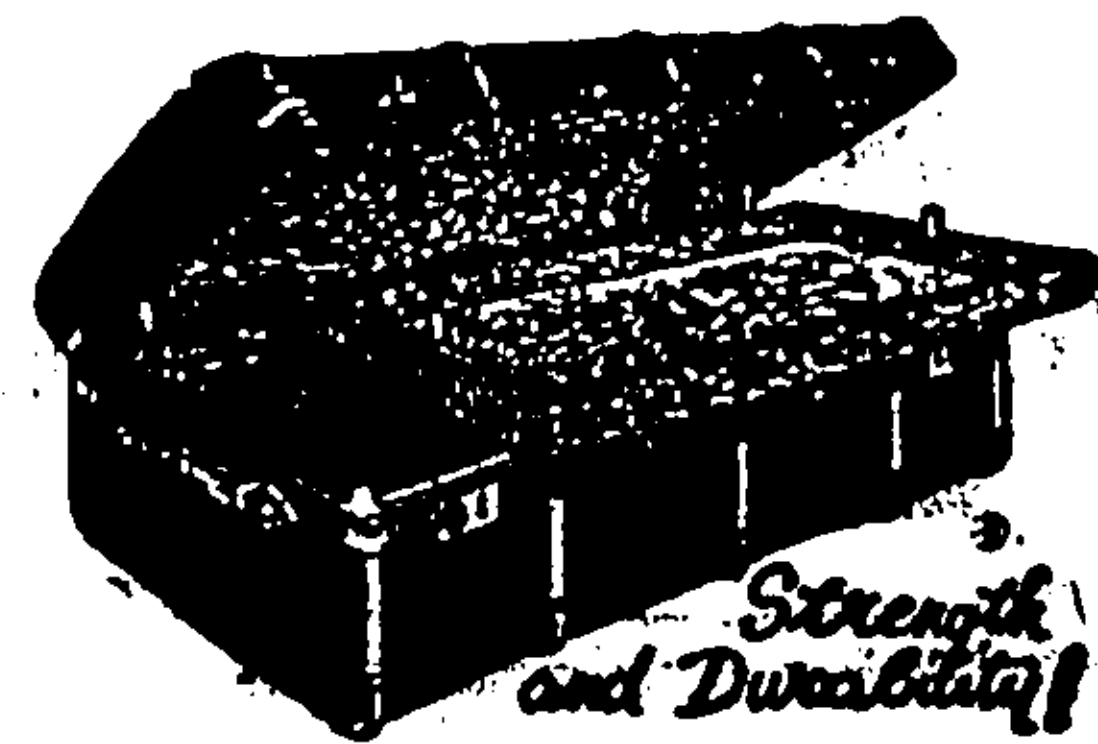
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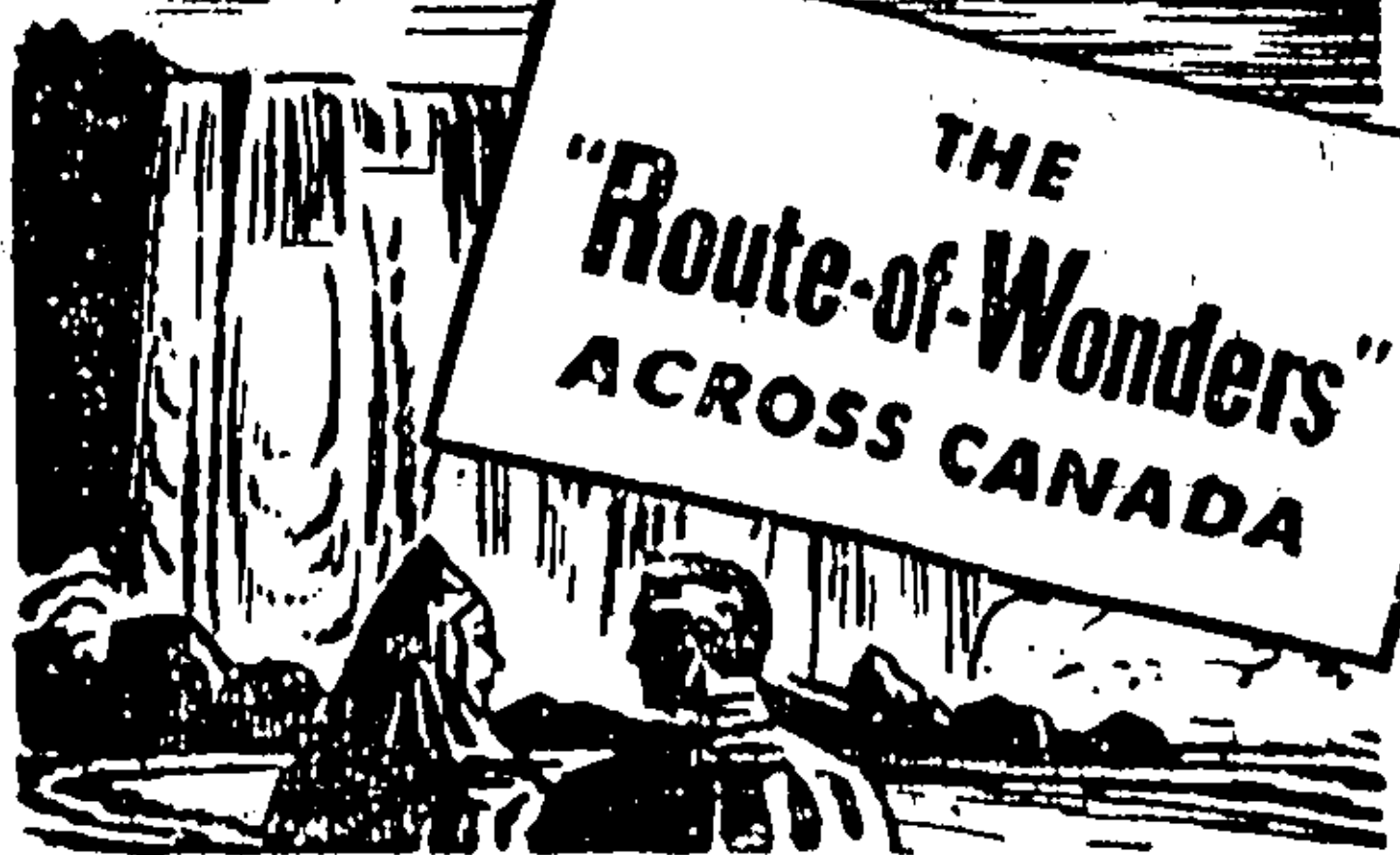
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1.45 p.m.—Variety, with Elsie Carlisle, Henry Croudson, and Renee Houston.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
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Police Falter Against Eastern In Closing Minutes

Pope Holds Hau Ching-to Howlett And Moss Best Of Police Forwards

By "Sportshawk"

After leading by the odd goal in three, until the last 20 minutes, Police had bad luck to lose Chan Kwong-yu through an injured ankle and during his temporary absence Eastern equalised. This so inspired them that they netted two further goals in the last 10 minutes to win by 4 goals to 2 in the Senior Division Soccer game at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon.

It will be recalled that in their first meeting at Boundary Street, Police also led until the last 20 minutes by 3 goals to 2, but Eastern scored two quick goals in the last five minutes to snatch both points.

Police turned out the same team as they fielded against Sing Tao, while Eastern were without the services of Cheung Kam-hoi, who is on the injured list, and whose position at inside-right was filled by Ku Wing-fook.

On the whole, Police had the better of Eastern for the greater part of the game and were definitely on top during the last stages of the first period.

If Chan Kwong-yu had not been injured and forced to leave the field for about 10 minutes, during which Eastern equalised, Police might have held on to their lead or at least might have forced a draw. Chan returned but was obviously feeling the effects of his injury and as a result he was not so safe.

Manning, the Police custodian, brought off several good saves, while Chan Kwong-yu played a particularly sound game and combined well with his partner, Blackburn.

Good Halves

Police intermediate line was very sound; all the three players worked very hard and assisted both defence and attack. Pope, who improves in every game, was the best in this line. This player had the speedy Hau Ching-to well in hand so that Hau was subsequently forced out of the picture, despite his usual tricks and speed.

Lau Pak-hung, the newly promoted junior player, played an unexpectedly good game on the left-wing for Police and scored both his side's goals. Howlett distinguished himself at inside-right and Moss ably led the attack.

Lau Hin-hon, Eastern's goalkeeper, was not very safe but he showed good anticipation and handling after the resumption, while Kong Sing-king, at right back, was in his usual form and defended stoutly.

Hsu King-sing, the pivot, played a good game in the half back line and was the only outstanding player for Eastern in that line.

Eastern's attack was best served by V. K. Hyui, who confidently led the forwards and was ably supported by his two inside men, while Chung Yung-sum sent over

several good centres from right-wing.

After 10 minutes play V. K. Hyui opened the scoring for Eastern from a pass from Ku Wing-fook, but Police equalised through Lau Pak-hung later and the same player netted another goal to give Police the lead.

On resumption, Police managed to hold the lead until the last 20 minutes when Chan Kwong-yu was injured. Eastern then equalised through V. K. Hyui from a corner by Chung Yung-sum.

This equaliser heartened Eastern considerably and in the last 10 minutes they netted two further goals through Hsu King-sing and V. K. Hyui.

Eastern:—Lau Hin-hon; Kong Sing-king and S. T. Liu; Lau Tse-chan, Hsu King-sing and Woo Ki-cheong; Chung Yung-sum, Ku Wing-fook, V. K. Hyui, C. T. Tsao and Had Ching-to.

Police:—Manning; Blackburn and Chan Kwong-yu; Pope, Gough and North; Wong Man-kwai, Howlett, Moss, Ferrier and Lau

NAVY "A" FIFTEEN

Following will represent Navy "A" against Club "A" on Wednesday on Club ground at 4.45 p.m.: Midshipman Rowe; Sub-Lieutenant Kennedy, Petty Officer Wilson, Cadet Lambie and Leading Aircraftman Grace; Sub-Lieutenant Smith and Electrical Artificer Wilson; Sub-Lieutenant Winter, Lieutenant (E) Brown, Able Seaman Hughes; Leading Aircraftman Stockham; Cadet Thornhill; Able Seaman Williams; Sick Berth Attendant Baggs and Ord, Signaller Taylor.

Reserves:—Petty Officer Skinner, Able Seaman Lilley, Able Seaman Smith, Able Seaman Rees, Pilot Officer Baugh, Petty Officer Jones and Leading Signaller Mitchell.

Kowloon Dock Recreation Club will pay a return bowls visit to the Prison Officers' Club at Stanley on Sunday next. When the Stanley team made the trip across the harbour last Sunday they came away winners by a very comfortable margin.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND GOAL-SCORERS

FIRST DIVISION			
Eastern 4	Police 2		
Hyui (2) and Hau Ching-to and Hsu King-sing.	Lau Pak-hung (2).		
Sing Tao 3	St. Joseph's 2		
Lai Shui-wing (3).	Man Chi-ki and Gomes.		
SECOND DIVISION			
Navy 5	Kwong Wah 2		
O'Regan (3), Allison and Barber.	Lau Wing-kui and Leung Bing-kwan.		
Sing Tao 2	30th R.A. 2		
Wo Chin-cheung (2).	Marshall and Round.		

MY BET IS STILL ON ARMY

By "SCRUM-HALF"

NAVY FULLY DESERVED THEIR QUADRANGULAR RUGBY TRIUMPH OVER ARMY ON SATURDAY, WHEN THEY PROVED CONCLUSIVELY THAT THEIR 5-5 DRAW AGAINST CLUB ON THE PREVIOUS SATURDAY WAS NO FLUKE.

Their win was the result of inspired play by a light pack and brilliant defensive play by their backs, among whom Paul was especially prominent. Of the forwards King, Taylor and Mansfield were in a class of their own and they received excellent support from the remainder of the pack, both in the tight and loose. Watson did extraordinarily well to master Ford, and Rutherford did the rest, despite the constant attentions of the Army wing forwards.

Army started off very confidently, but after several well executed movements had been successfully countered by a rock-like defence, they became ragged and rattled, thus contributing largely to their own downfall. Picton, who played really well, Douglass, Hook, Wedderburn, Sutherland, Pinkerton and Gillam were their only players to impress.

With Club easily accounting for Police, Navy concluded the First Round of the Tournament one point in the lead, followed by Club, who are one point ahead of Army. The Tournament, however, is by no means won yet, and Army, who had the material to go through without defeat, still have every chance of winning all their remaining games.

My bet is still on Army.

SING TAO JUST DEFEAT SAINTS

By "Referee"

St. Joseph's gave a much improved display in their First Division Soccer game against Sing Tao on the Club ground yesterday, when they were beaten by the odd goal in five, after having as much of the play in the second period.

Sing Tao were without Cheung Wing-choy, Leung Wing-chui and Chui Ah-fai, while Saints were without C. Santos.

Saints were well served by their intermediate line which tackled quickly and seldom gave the Sing Tao forwards much opportunity to settle to their usual play. Fernandes, in the pivotal position, worked hard and kept a good watch on Kwok Yung-kee while Maher was too good for Lau Tse-anan, who was able nevertheless to send over some good centres.

Lau Wing-kwong, Saint's left-half, kept a good hold on Tang Kwong-sum and also found time to mark Fung King-cheong. He was always up with the ball and assisted his forwards with good through passes.

Leonard and Hussain were two great defenders, as far as clearing their lines were concerned, but neither paid much attention to placing their clearances. Bad positioning on their part was the direct cause of two Sing Tao goals in the second half.

Cruz Improves

Gomes and MacDonald were the best of the Saints' forwards. Bo's fell back for the ball and worked like trojans. Gomes displayed good ball control and kept Cruz well fed with passes with the result that the two were often very dangerous.

Cruz gave a much better display in the second period and sent over good centres which were not turned into account.

Soong Ling-sing, the Sing Tao pivot, saved his side from defeat and a forward line of a slightly better calibre than St. Joseph's would have pierced the Sing Tao defence often.

Soong was the only stumbling block on numerous occasions to the Saints' forwards. He had the centre well covered and it was he who initiated most of the openings for his forwards. Neither of his wing halves were impressive and were often beaten by the opposing wingers.

Lee Ting-sang, in spite of the light forward line he was up against, was none too comfortable and though he did not miskick his clearances were often hasty.

Choo, in Sing Tao goal, did not have much to do but the little he had to do did not inspire confidence.

Sing Tao were the better team in the first half, but their forwards were not impressive in their movements.

Lai Shui-wing opened the score when he cleverly flicked Leonard and sent in a fast shot. Prior to this Kwok had missed a penalty.

Saints Equalise

In the second half Saint's started off with a rush and were soon on level terms through Man Chi-ki. Two glorious chances of taking the lead were missed by Saints when Cruz hit the upright and Gomes sent the ball wide when well

SOFTBALL RESULTS

Following were yesterday softball results:

GIRLS

Cardinals 22, Ramblerettes 21
Chung Hwa 19, Florinhas 10.
Wildcats 16, Wahos 17.

MEN'S

First Division

St. Joseph's 25, Filipinos 7.
Cyclones 0, Recreio Aces 1.
Canucks 3, Indians 11.

Second Division

Chung Hwa 9, Cosmopolitans 8.
Recreio Bees 5, South China 6.
R.A.F. 7, V.R.C. 24.

Inter-Hong

H.K. Bank 12, Cables 2.
Chartered Bank 20, Greenspots 12.

Sing Tao took the lead through Lai Shui-wing, who sent in a first timer following a corner taken by Tang Kwong-sum, and shortly after he placed his side further ahead when Hussain misjudged a high ball.

Gomes scored for Saints shortly after with a weak shot and Man Chi-kee just missed the upright with a cross shot.

St. Joseph's:—Sammy Tsang; Hussain, D. Leonard; Maher, Fernandes, Lau Wing-ling; Cruz, Man Chi-kee, MacDonald, Gomes; A. Leonard.

Sing Tao:—Choo Shu-tang; Hau Yung-sang, Lee Tin-sang; Luk Tat-hang, Soong Ling-sing, Shin You-san; Tang Kwok-shum, Lai Shui-wing, Fung King-cheung, Kwok Yink-ki, Loo Turtung.

ENGINEERS BEATEN

In an exciting game on the Chater Road ground on Saturday, Hong Kong Cricket Club beat Royal Engineers by one wicket, the winning run, a single, coming just one minute from time.

ENGINEERS

Major Grose, b Finnie	18
Spr. Tropp, not out	62
Spr. Ratcliffe, c and b Finnie	0
Capt. Freeman, run out	3
Sgt. Denyer, b Dewar	4
Sgt. Shipp, b Finnie	65
Extras (B6, LB5, NB1)	12

Total (for 5 wks. dec.) 164

Spr. Bailey, S/Sgt. Megson, S/Sgt. Kehoe, Spr. Goss and Major Parsons did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dewar	7	0	27	1
Finnie	8.0	1	50	3
Carey	3	0	13	0
Robb	3	0	30	0
Haymes	3	0	32	0

H.K.C.C.

Capt. Lawrence, c Shipp, b Megson	1
J. P. Carey, b Megson	1
M. L. E. Haymes, c Denyer, b Megson	14
C. E. Galligan, c Freeman, b Megson	2
L. D. Kilbee, lbw, b Denyer	27
A. J. Dewar, c Tropp, b Denyer	51
C. W. A. Bligh, not out	29
D. S. Robb, b Denyer	14
W. G. Finnie, b Denyer	0
J. E. Haley, c Tropp, b Denyer	17
E. W. Pudney, not out	2
Extras (B4, LB5)	7

Total (for 9 wks.) 105

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tropp	0	0	41	0
Megson	8.0	0	28	4
Parsons	3	0	30	0
Denyer	0	0	50	5



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SAPPERS BEAT CRAIGENGOWER

Royal Engineers defeated Craigen-gower Cricket Club by 4 wickets in a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Both teams later played another innings, limited to 45 minutes each and this resulted in Sappers again winning by 4 wickets.

C. C. C.

J. L. Youngsaye, c Shipp, b Megson	0
A. J. Hulse, run out	21
A. R. Kitchell, b Denyer	2
A. B. Hamson, c Bailey, b Tropp	1
P. J. Billimoria, l.b.w., b Tropp	4
Ramchand, not out	23
E. Mitchell, l.b.w., b Denyer	1
T. Edgar, b Shipp	1
U. Esmail, b Shipp	1
H. L. Forman, b Shipp	0
F. Baker, c and b Shipp	5
Extras (B14, L15)	19
Total	79

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Megson	5	2	16	1
Tropp	6	2	5	2
Shipp	5.3	1	15	4
Denyer	4	0	24	0

ROYAL ENGINEERS

Megson, b Billimoria	0
Pelham, c Edgar, b Hulse	14
Bailey, b Hulse	15
Kehoe, run out	4
Shipp, b Hulse	3
Ratcliffe, c Hamson, b Hulse	4
Tropp, not out	45
Holliday, c Hulse, b Esmail	15
Parsons, not out	6
Extras (B8, L33)	11

Total (for 7 wickets) 117
Denyer and Shaw did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hulse	10	3	33	4
Billimoria	6	1	23	1
Hamson	2	0	16	0
Esmail	3	0	28	1
Ramchand	1	0	6	0

2nd Innings

C.C.C.

J. L. Youngsaye, b Parsons	13
U. Esmail, retired	35
T. Edgar, b Ratcliffe	5
E. Mitchell, c and b Ratcliffe	0
H. L. Forman, run out	2
L. Choa, c Ratcliffe, b Parsons	1
P. J. Billimoria, not out	1
Extras (B1, LB4)	5

Total (for 6 wickets, dec.) 62

A. J. Hulse, A. B. Hamson, Ramchand and Baker did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Parsons	5	1	36	2
Ratcliffe	5	0	21	2

Royal Engineers

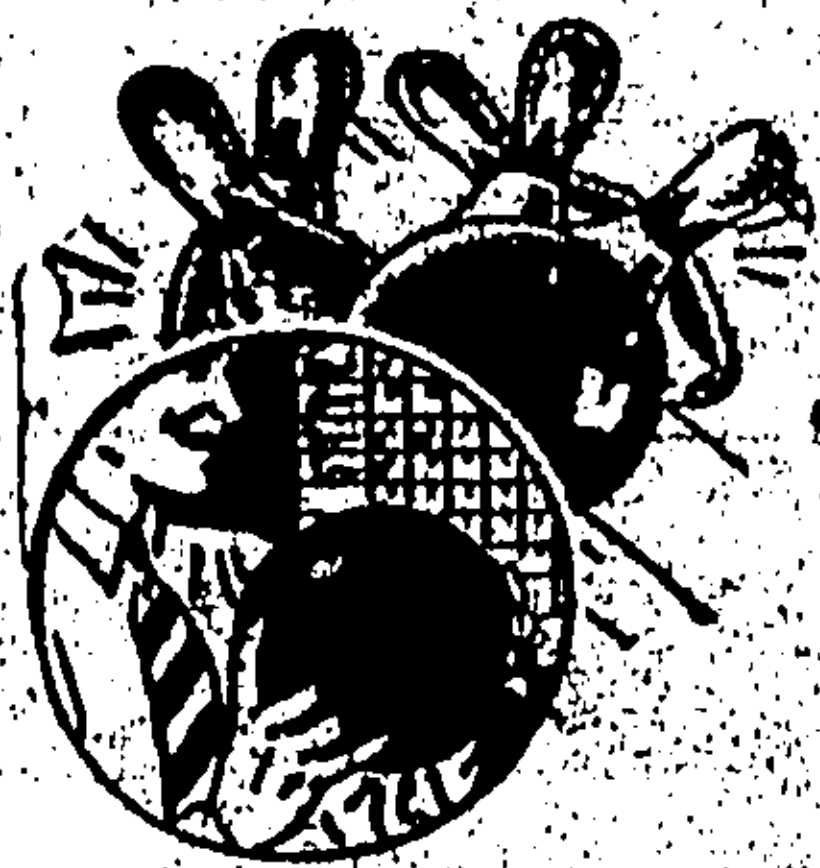
Denyer, b Mitchell	12
Shaw, c Ramchand, b Forman	31
Shipp, b Ramchand	3
Kehoe, b Ramchand	0
Ratcliffe, b Ramchand	4
Parsons, b Youngsaye	2
Bailey, not out	11
Holliday, c and b Forman	26
Extras (W2)	2

Total (for 7 wickets) 91

Pelham, Tropp and Megson did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Edgar	2	0	27	1
Ramchand	2	0	9	3
Youngsaye	3	0	28	1
Forman	2.5	0	27	2



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SATURDAY'S SPORTS

OUTSTANDING performance in the Football League on Saturday was South China's 5 nil victory over Service Corps in the Second Division, which has greatly enhanced their chances for the title.

After establishing a two goal lead in the first half, Middlesex fell off badly after the interval and were forced to share four goals with Kwong Wah in First Division.

Shell still continue to show improved form and lost to International by the only goal scored late in the game.

THOUGH no centuries were registered in Saturday's friendly cricket games, good scores were made by Richardson, Tropp and Shipp.

Following were the best individual performances:—

BATTING	
J. E. Richardson	67
Shipp	65
Tropp	62
A. T. Lee	59
A. J. Dewar	51
K. J. Attwell	42
A. R. Suffad	34
A. H. Rumjahn	32
E. L. Gosano	31
* Not out	
BOWLING	
Lloyd	6 for 5
Pope	6 for 22
Dixon	5 for 20
Denyer	5 for 55
Billimoria	5 for 71
Hulse	4 for 15
Megson	4 for 26
Stone	4 for 29
Ingleby	4 for 33
E. F. Fincher	3 for 2
Ahmed	3 for 5
M. A. Remedios	3 for 6
Prata	3 for 10
Rumjahn	3 for 12
Souza	3 for 18
Singh	3 for 24
Cunningham	3 for 25
Perry	3 for 35

FOUR friendly hockey games were played on Saturday. Punjabis, who are finding conditions still strange to them, were held to a draw by Y.M.C.A. With the hockey tournament now on, few interesting hockey games are played on Saturdays. C.B.A. Ladies entertained at St. Andrew's Ladies team and won by 3 goals to 1.

Hockey Confusion Bay's (Mr. Sung up) win in record time in the Hong Kong Autumn Championships, which it won last year, provided the highlight of the last Extra Meeting of Hong Kong Jockey Club's 1940 season. Mr. Black had four wins, a second and a third in seven starts to conclude the season champion jockey with 37 wins as against the 27 he secured to win the title in 1936.

NAVY great a big surprise when they beat Army by 11 points to 3 in their Quadrangular Rugby tournament match at Causeway Bay on Saturday and as a result now lead in the table at the conclusion of the First Round.

Rugby Club swamped Police at Boundary Street and won by 36 points to 8.

HOCKEY RESULTS

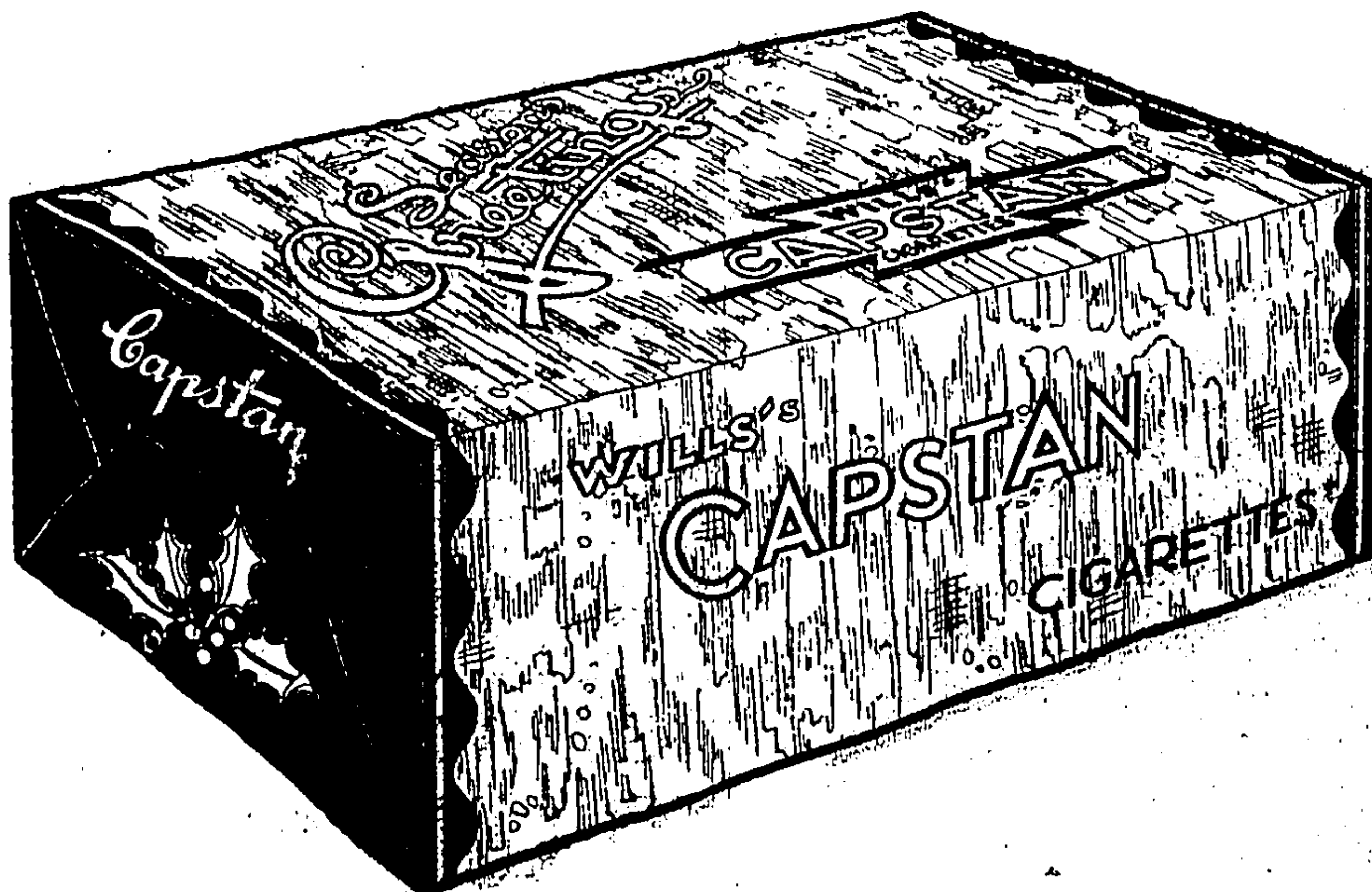
Following were results of games played yesterday in the Hockey Tournament.

Police "A"	6	University	0
Howlett (2), Jasbir Singh (3) and Teja Singh			
A. N. Other	5	5th A.A. "B"	1
Hitchcock (4), Alsey and Morgan			
Khalea	3	Police "B"	1
G. Singh, Awtar Singh, and Karminadar Singh			

"Skelly" Abdul-Razack, captain of Cyclones' Softball Club, and one of the members of the Union Insurance team in the Inter-Hong League last season, is now eligible for the Lacas team in the Hong League this year. Bobby Laurel, who has been catching for Lacas, is just as good behind the plate as "Skelly", but it is certain that the latter will be able to find a place somewhere in the team.

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FASCIST REGIME DOOMED?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Count Carlo Sforza, former Italian Foreign Minister, who led the last legal anti-Fascist forces in Italy, told International News in an exclusive interview yesterday that Italians are becoming "rapidly disgusted with demagogues and miracle-makers" and frantically seek means of escaping German domination.

The Italian defeats in Albania and Egypt and the growing unrest in Italy have brought to the forefront the name of Sforza, who is a close friend of leaders in all Democratic countries.

In his rare interview yesterday, Count Sforza expressed contempt of the Fascist system which outlawed opposition parties in 1926, and said he was confident Italy would soon have a new regime, due to public pressure. — International News Service.

HENNESSY ROAD BURGLARY

Yung Kel-han, of No. 235, Hennessy Road, has reported that a thief entered his residence last night and stolen money and jewellery to the value of \$94.

Armoured Units Pressing Hard On Heels Of Italians

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent in Cairo)

HARD FIGHTING IS STILL IN PROGRESS ON THE EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN FRONTIER IN A WHIRLING SANDSTORM, ACCORDING TO LATEST REPORTS RECEIVED IN CAIRO LAST EVENING.

Exact details of operations are as yet not available but British casualties are still known to be very slight, despite determined major scrapping.

The R.A.F. continues to batter Sollum barracks, proving that in this area at least Italian troops are still on Egyptian soil.

The British forward mechanised columns are putting up a magnificent show, thrusting at the enemy positions at many points along the frontier wire and inflicting serious casualties on the defending Italian forces.

The indefatigable manner in which our tanks and armoured cars and lorries have been pushing on more than 100 miles day and night for a week reveals clearly the terrific efforts made behind the scenes by the maintenance corps during preparations for the offensive.

Clockwork Precision

Apart from brief halts at the dead end of night, to perform odd maintenance jobs — often in disused Italian camps — the British mechanised forces are rolling on with clockwork precision.

At the same time the R.A.F. is continuing to plaster enemy aerodromes and concentrations in the far corners of Libya day and night.

Pilots are still working ceaselessly, pausing only to refuel and reload bombs before taking off again for the battlefield.

Army personnel in Cairo unanimously declare that a great part of the success of the entire operations is due to Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore's well-calculated and consistent plans for bombing the enemy's aerodromes from the start of the offensive, in order to prevent Italian planes taking off.

Prisoner Problem

The disposal and accommodation of prisoners from the battle area is a task in itself. Many of those arriving in Cairo are being sent to prison camps in the Nile Delta.

Three Italian generals who have arrived in Alexandria in British warships are now recuperating in the Spa Hotel.

It is believed in Cairo that General Wavell's brilliantly executed manoeuvre has seriously affected the resources of the entire Italian army in Libya. — Reuter.

AMERICAN HOMAGE TO LORD LOTHIAN

Funeral services for the late Lord Lothian, British Ambassador in Washington, were held with full military honours in Washington Cathedral yesterday afternoon.

United States cavalry escorted the caisson bearing the body from the Embassy to the Cathedral through avenues cleared of traffic by hundreds of police and lined with silent crowds.

President Roosevelt, who is spending the week-end at Warm Springs, Georgia, after his Caribbean cruise, was represented at the service by his secretary, Mr. Stephen Early.

Mrs. Roosevelt attended in person.

Mr. Neville Butler, Charge d'Affaires at the British Embassy, represented the King, and Lord Athol (Governor-General of Canada) and Mr. Mackenzie King (Canadian Premier) were also represented.

Members of the Diplomatic Corps and many high officials were present.

A private cremation was held later in the afternoon at another service at a church. — Reuter.

THEFT OF HOSPITAL BLANKET

Lai Wing, 45, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry, this morning, with stealing a blanket from the Queen Mary Hospital in November last year.

The blanket was found in the possession of a Chinese merchant who stated that he bought it for \$5 from defendant, who was working in the Queen Mary Hospital as a ward coolie.

Defendant had been with the hospital since 1935. His salary was \$16 a month.

A fine of \$50, or six weeks' hard labour, was imposed.

STOP PRESS

An emergency meeting has been summoned for to-morrow evening by the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce to discuss the conditions prevailing in the rice market.

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WEATHER FORECAST:—North-east winds, moderate to fresh; fine.



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